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'CNMI business climate unstable for rest of '08'

By STEFAN SEBASTIAN
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BUSINESS EDITOR

Now six months through 2008, businesses in the Commonwealth are reporting that mounting costs, coupled with an ongoing economic downturn, have many of them fighting for survival and conditions later in the year are expected to get worse long before they get better.

Skyrocketing electricity prices, a recent hike in the minimum wage, the garment manufacturing sector's rapid decline, high gasoline costs and the impending federal takeover of immigration authority combined in a veritable symphony of hardships for local business

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A MOMENT OF SILENCE

CNMI U.S. Army Reservists bow their heads in prayer during the signing of the Army Community Covenant at the American Memorial Park amphitheater Saturday morning.

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Guam firm takes over Rota Resort

By AGNES E. DONATO
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REPORTER

A Guam-based hotel company has formally taken over Rota Resort and Country Club.

Rota Resort LLC, which assumed control of Rota's only major resort last

Thursday, vows to be aggressive in promoting Rota as a tourist destination.

The first step, according to Rota Resort LLC owner, Hee K. Cho, is to secure flight service to the island. Cho said in a phone interview that his company has reached an agreement with airlines on the continuation of service to Rota.

He said Continental Airlines is expected to operate more frequent charter service from Japan, while Cape Air and Freedom Air will keep their commuter flights to the island at current levels.

Cho declined to detail the agreement with the airlines, but a source privy to the

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RED, WHITE, BUT MOSTLY BLUE

An unhappy birthday for Americans

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Even folks in the Optimist Club are having a tough time toeing an upbeat line these days. Eighteen members of the volunteer organization's Gilbert, Ariz., chapter have gathered, a few days before this nation's 232nd birthday, to focus on the positive: Their book drive for schoolchildren and an Independence Day project to place American flags along the

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MPLT policy change results in investment growth



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REPORTER

A 2006 change in investment policy has paid off for the Marianas Public Land Trust.

MPLT saw its security investments grow by \$5.4 million in the 2007 fiscal year, according to the Office of the Public Auditor's summary of a Deloitte audit of the Trust. The increase came after MPLT decided two years ago to place more securities in fixed income rather than in equities to provide for a steady stream of cash flow to the general fund.

For FY 2007, MPLT investment in equities totaled \$26 million, down 1.66 percent from

\$26.4 million in FY 2006. Meanwhile, fixed income securities gained \$5.8 million or 18.7 percent from \$31.1 million in FY 2006 to \$36.9 million in FY 2007.

MPLT had 41 percent invested in equities and 59 percent in fixed income securities for FY 2007.

"OPA commends MPLT's trustees for the financial improvements realized in FY 2007, and the strengthening of MPLT's financial condition," OPA said.

MPLT employs the services of professional money managers to manage the assets of its two trusts—one for the benefit of the General Fund and the

other for the maintenance of the American Memorial Park.

The allocation of these securities may change over time due to changes in investment policy decisions. These securities consist of equities, fixed income securities, and economically targeted investments.

The FY 2007 audit, done by the Deloitte accounting firm, revealed MPLT's total assets increased by 12.2 percent, or \$8.4 million, from \$68.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to \$77 million in FY 2007.

"MPLT's overall financial condition substantially improved in fiscal year 2007. The change was marked by increased investments, increased

income, and decreased operating expenses. These changes caused total assets to increase," OPA said.

Under the Constitution, the Department of Public Lands is tasked with managing leases of public lands on behalf of the people of Northern Marianas

descent. After deducting administrative costs from the collected fees, Public Lands transfers the balance to the Marianas Public Land Trust. MPLT then invests the money. Income earned from those investments is transferred to the general fund for appropriation by the Legislature.

BIRTHDAY GIRL

Happy birthday greetings go out to Radhika Itani, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 7, in San Antonio. Greetings come from her family and friends.

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LEAK REPAIR GIVEN PRIORITY IN MID-2007

CUC water supply gets dramatic improvements

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REPORTER

The ongoing repair of leaks has resulted in dramatic improvements in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water supply in some areas on Saipan.

According to CUC's July 2008 water quality report, the Chalan Kanoa-Susupe area that was previously receiving only two hours of water per day is now getting 24-hour water supply, thanks in large part to the prioritized repair of leaks.

CUC said the 24-hour water system is pressurized, improving water quality.

In 2006, the Division of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found a number of deficiencies in their sanitary survey of the Saipan public water system.

To correct the deficiencies, the utility agency's water manager, Mariano Iglecias, methodically addressed each problem, the CUC report said.

CUC's Water Division and the Water Task Force worked together to repair leaks in Chalan Kanoa and Susupe beginning July 2007.

The Water Division and the Water Task Force also implemented a well-optimization program to upgrade and rehabilitate the island's water facilities that would correct the many deficiencies cited in the 2006 sanitary survey.

In addition, using an EPA grant, CUC constructed a new water storage tank in Kannat Tabla. The Water Task Force also built a new water storage tank in Upper Navy Hill and is also in the process of rehabilitating two other water storage tanks.

The water report cited that beginning September 2007, 69 wells have undergone complete rehabilitation.

Under the rehabilitation project, well motors and casings were replaced; concrete pads and small structures were built to protect the electrical panel boxes and chlorine cylinders; and security fences were erected around each well.

CUC's report mentioned that EPA Region 9's Barry Pollock was very impressed with the improvements in his visit last year to more than 20 water wells on Saipan.

Pollock reportedly observed that these major improvements to the water system on the island were accomplished in less than two years.

Fitial will run anew 'if people still need him'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he will seek re-election next year if he feels that the people in the CNMI will still their support him.

"If the people still need me, I am here for them," said Fitial

in an interview with the media shortly after the completion of the Liberation Day Parade on Friday.

On reports that Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez had already informed the Covenant Party that he has given no commitment to being Fitial's running mate again, the governor said he

respects people's decision.

When told about Villagomez's statement about being "non-committal," Fitial replied: "Well, then he has to reckon with the party, not with me."

The governor refused to answer questions as to who will be his likely running mate if

Villagomez decides not to run as the Covenant Party's bet for lieutenant governor in the 2009 elections.

Reports had it that the lieutenant governor has rejoined the Republican Party and will team up with former Lt. Gov. Diego Benavente in the coming elections.

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9, §9910, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Timothy P. Villagomez, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission/Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund, are hereby giving notice that the Board of Trustees will hold its Regular meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMI Retirement Fund Conference Room, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:
 1. April 24, 2008
 2. June 24, 2008
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
 - A. Report of the Chairman
 1. ROC No. 08-009
 - B. Report of the Administrator / Correspondence
 1. ROA No. 08-009
 - C. Report of the Comptroller
 1. Financials
 - a) NMRF
 - b) GHLTF
 - c) WCC
 2. Drawdown Request
 - a) June 23, 2008
 - b) July 08, 2008
 - D. Reports of the Committees
 1. Finance & Investment Committee
 2. Operations & Personnel Committee
 3. Policies, Programs & Legislative Review Committee
 4. GHL and WCC Committee
 - E. Reports of the Investment Director
 1. Status of Investment/Market Condition
 2. Report of Housing Loan Program
 - F. Communications
 - G. Other Matters
- IV. LEGAL MATTERS
 - A. Reports of the Legal Counsels
 1. Report of the Board Counsel
 - a) Lawsuit
 2. Report of the In-house Counsel
 - a) Update on Administrative Appeals
 3. Report of the Hearing Officer
 - V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. BR 08-001 Matters
 - a) Pension Application Matters
 - b) P.L. 15-98
 - c) Disability Applicants
 2. DC Plan Update Report
 3. Rota and Tinian office space
 4. RFP 08-046 - Wrap Fee
 - VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. 11% rate (P.L. 15-61)
 - VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Next Meeting
 - C. Adjournment

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Muña ready to leave CUC if Guerrero comes in

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Antonio Muña is ready to give up his position if former CUC executive director Ramon Guerrero will return to the utility agency.

In a recent interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Muña said if Gov. Benigno

Fitial wants Guerrero to take his position he will respect that decision.

"He [Fitial] can make that decision," the CUC official said.

Asked whether he believes the former CUC chief and senator can do a better job, Muña replied: "I never look

at it that way."

As for Taotao Tano president Greg Cruz's recommendation that Guerrero be considered for the post, Muña simply shrugged. "My boss isn't Greg Cruz," he said, smiling.

Guerrero recently blasted CUC's

recent deal to lease emergency power generator from Aggreko International, saying the utility agency's leadership failed to consider a host of key problems with the contract.

Guerrero noted that the \$6 million contract contains a cap on the monetary

penalty CUC can impose on Aggreko if the generators consume more fuel than expected.

He said the provision could leave the government paying for thousands in fuel costs each month. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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streets of one neighborhood.

They beam through the Pledge of Allegiance, applaud each other's good news—a house that recently sold despite Arizona's down market, and one member's valiant battle with cancer. "I didn't die," she says as the others cheer.

But then talk turns to the state of the Union, and the Optimists become decidedly bleak.

They use words such as "terrified," "disgusted" and "scary" to describe what one calls "this mess" we Americans find ourselves in. Then comes the list of problems constituting the mess: a protracted war, \$4-a-gallon gas, soaring food prices, uncertainty about jobs, an erratic stock market, a tougher housing market, and so on and so forth.

One member's son is serving his second tour in Iraq. Another speaks of a daughter who's lost her job in the mortgage industry and a son in construction whose salary was slashed. Still another mentions a friend who can barely afford gas.

Joanne Kontak, 60, an elementary school lunch aide inducted just this day as an Optimist, sums things up like this: "There's just entirely too much wrong right now."

Happy birthday, America? This year, we're not so sure.

The nation's psyche is battered and bruised, the sense of pessimism palpable. Young or old, Republican or Democrat, economically stable or struggling, Americans are questioning where they are and where they are going. And they wonder who or what might ride to their rescue.

These are more than mere gripes, but rather an expression of fears—concerns reflected not only in the many recent polls that show consumer confidence plummeting, personal happiness wan-

ing and more folks worrying that the country is headed in the wrong direction, but also in conversations happening all across the land.

"There are so many things you have to do to survive now," says Larue Lawson of Forest Park, Ill. "It used to be just clothes on your back, food on the table and a roof over your head. Now, it's everything."

"I wish it was just simpler."

Lawson, mind you, is all of 16 years old.

Then there's this from Sherry White in Orlando, Fla., who has a half-century in years and experience on the teenager.

"There is a sense of helplessness everywhere you look. It's like you're stuck in one spot, and you can't do anything about it."

In 1931, when the historian James Truslow Adams coined the phrase "The American Dream," he wrote of "a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement."

In 2008, using history as a yardstick, life actually is better and richer and fuller, with more opportunities than ever before.

"Objectively things are going real well," says author Gregg Easterbrook, who discusses the disconnect in his book "The Progress Paradox: How Life Gets Better While People Feel Worse."

He ticks off supporting statistics: A relatively low unemployment rate, 5.5 percent in June. (Employers did, indeed, cut payrolls last month by 62,000 jobs, but consider the 10.1 rate of June 1983 or the 7.8 rate of June 1992.) Declining rates of violent crimes, property crimes and big-city murders. Declining rates of disease. Higher standards of living for the middle class and the working poor. And incomes that, for many, are rising above the rate of inflation.

So why has the pursuit of happiness—a fundamental right, the Declaration of Independence assures us—be-

come such a challenging undertaking?

Some of the gloom and doom may simply reflect a society that demands more and expects to have it yesterday, but in many cases there's nothing imaginary about the problems.

Just listen to farmer Ricardo Vallot, who is clinging tight to his livelihood.

Vallot expects to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on diesel fuel to plant and harvest his family's sugar cane crop in Vermilion Parish, La. His two combines burn up to 150 gallons a day, and with diesel running an average of \$4.68 a gallon in the region, he sees his profits burning away, too.

"My God, it's horrible, it really is," the 33-year-old says, adding: "If diesel goes north of five, it will be really difficult at the price we're getting to stay in farming."

Stay-at-home-mom Heather Hammack grapples with tough decisions daily about how to spend her family's dwindling income in the face of rising food costs. One day, she priced strawberries at \$1.75. The next day, they were \$2.28.

"I could cry," she responds when asked how things are.

"We used to have more money than we knew what to do with. Now, I have to decide: Do I pay the electric this week? Do I pay for gas? Do I get groceries?" says Hammack, 24, who lives with her boyfriend, a window installer, and their 5-year-old son in a rented home in rural Rowlesburg, W.Va. "You can't get ahead. You can't save money. You can't buy a house. It just stinks."

Those "right direction, wrong direction" polls—the latest of which, in June, had only 14 to 17 percent of Americans saying the country is going the right way—show a general level of pessimism that is the worst in almost 30 years. Those feelings, coupled with government corruption scandals, lingering doubts over whether the Iraq war was justified, even memories of the chaotic response to Hurricane Ka-

trina, have culminated in an erosion of our customary faith that elected leaders can get us out of a jam.

Says Arizona retiree Dian Kinsman: "You have no faith in anybody at the top. I don't trust anybody, and I'm really disgusted about it."

Stoking the furor is that Americans seem to feel helpless. After all, how can the average Joe or Jane control the price of gas or end the war?

"How am I, a little old West Virginia girl, going to go out and change the world?" asks Hammack.

Still, others suggest a lack of perspective and a sense of entitlement among Americans today may make these times feel worse than they are.

At 82, Ruth Townsend has experienced her share of downturns—in her own life and that of the country. She suffered a stroke years ago that left her in a wheelchair, and lives now in an assisted-living center in Orlando, Fla. Townsend recalls World War II and having to ration almost everything: sugar, leather shoes, tires, gas.

"You made do with the little you had because you had to. You shopped in the same stores over and over because you HAD to. We had coupon books and stamps to figure out what we could have," Townsend says. Americans have gotten so used to "things," she says, "that we can't take it when we hit

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talks said Rota Resort would subsidize the commuter flights by paying a certain dollar amount for the unoccupied seats on each flight.

Cho also said plans are underway to boost marketing efforts in Japan. He said Rota Resort LLC is working with Kinki Nippon Tourist and Continental in promoting the charter service to Rota. The hotel company is also considering par-

a bad patch."

Allison Alvin condemns an "out of style" values system, in which even kids have cell phones, credit card debt is out of control and families purchase four-bedroom homes they can't afford instead of the two-bedroom ones they could.

"I'm mad at us ... all of my fellow Americans. Maybe a little hardship would be good for us," says Alvin, who at 36 has a job as a freight exporter in Cincinnati, a husband with a factory job, two healthy children, her own home and four cars, all paid off.

At the same time, she acknowledges feeling that "things are getting worse."

"When you're my age, you feel like you should be improving—more financially stable, instead of hand-to-mouth. It doesn't matter that we're better off than (others). It still hurts. It's still painful."

Easterbrook ascribes some of this to the media, noting that talk of "crisis" has become almost trendy—especially in an election year when politicians and pundits alike seem to feed on discontent as a catalyst for change, or ratings.

Round-the-clock saturation, shouting commentators and ceaseless images of "whatever's burning or exploding," he says, "give you the impression that the whole world is falling apart." Media reports noting that the world isn't rallying around U.S. policies also build frustration.

participation in marketing programs sponsored by the Japan Association of Travel Agents.

"We will do everything we can to get Rota more exposed in Japan and Korea," he said.

Cho previously expressed interest in turning Rota Resort into a casino resort. Rota residents approved casino gambling on the island last year.

Cho owns the Alupang Beach Tower, the Holiday Resort and Spa Guam, the Garden Villa Hotel, the Mai'ana Hotel, and Tumon Horizon Condominiums on Guam.

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owners during the first months of the year. These factors have forced many to cut costs or scale back operations to stay open.

"It has certainly been a challenging year so far," said Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Kyle Calabrese in an interview Thursday, adding the troubles facing the Commonwealth have fostered an "unstable" climate for businesses that is prompting many to put plans for new expansions or investments on hold in order to focus on day-to-day management.

"It's tough to do anything other than short-range planning right now," he said.

Prices on everything from food to fuel are expected to climb further later in the year, observers say, and contribute to a widespread drop in consumer

spending that could worsen already tough economic conditions.

The symptoms of this are already apparent for small businesses, many of which have diminished employees' pay and working hours to reduce overhead costs, blocking a significant amount of money from flowing back into the economy, according to Eric Plinske, chairman of the business department at Northern Marianas College.

"People just aren't spending money in the way that they used to spend," said Plinske. "There's a definite downturn happening and it's going to get deeper."

Promising signs

Key sectors of the economy have seen some promising signs during the first half of the year that suggest certain businesses will weather the storm. Hotel and tourism experts point to the addition of a new flight from Tokyo that may draw more travelers to the region, in addition to the prospect of more

flights from Korea, which could give the tourism market a noticeable boost. Car dealers and some restaurants are also reporting stable sales.

Stagnant investments

Yet foreign investment in the Commonwealth appears stagnant ahead of the federal government's plans to establish new rules for foreign workers that could have a host of impacts on the local tourism, real estate and development industries.

"Things have frozen," said Alex Youn of Ace Investments, who sits on a chamber committee tasked with examining the federal takeover. The level of foreign investment on Saipan, he said, has remained static for the first half of 2008 but could drop later in the year.

"I forecast the next six months to be much tougher," he said. "A lot of investors are waiting to see how they are going to be treated when federalization happens. Things will be in a cloud until then and Saipan is a place where

we need foreign investment to help the economy."

Businesses can expect to take a significant hit later this year, he added, as the last of the Commonwealth's garment factories close before the new labor policies begin, prompting more workers to leave in search of job opportunities elsewhere.

Adaptation

Despite the tough conditions, some businesses are still able to thrive by adapting to the new economic climate. At Joeten Motors, general manager Matthew Deets noted car dealers saw a 53 percent increase in sales in June over the same month last year.

"As bad as things are, they're not that bad," Deets said, adding car sales are an important indicator of consumer confidence.

One way the Joeten dealership has managed to curb the impact of mounting costs is a series of energy efficiency steps its management put in place last

year, such as installing compact fluorescent lights in its offices and shutting off air conditioners during lunch breaks. In addition, the lot saves on water bills by catching rainwater for washing cars and other needs.

Shirley's, the popular diner, is also adapting to stay open. Restaurant manager Susan Macario noted the diner has begun an aggressive campaign this year to market its food at events and find new customers despite the added financial burden of rising utility rates.

"We can't wait around for customers to come to us," Macario said. "We've had to be proactive."

Such efforts and the ability to plan ahead could prove vital to the future of many local businesses as 2008 unfolds.

"It's apparent the businesses that are doing well now are the ones who were able to do some good crystal ball gazing," Calabrese said. "That's what a lot of folks will have to do to stay in business."

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CUC loan with MPLT now up to lawmakers

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REPORTER

The decision to approve or deny the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's request for funding from the Marianas Public Land Trust is now in the hands of the Legislature.

The MPLT board of trustees has suspended talks regarding CUC's proposal to borrow \$4.5 million to pay for power generation projects.

"The decision of the MPLT relative to the CUC proposal ... is to put the request on hold until and unless the Legislature approves the loan request of CUC. There are legal issues which need to be resolved before further negotiation can proceed between MPLT and CUC," said Alvaro Santos, chairman of the MPLT board.

MPLT previously adopted a resolution agreeing to CUC's

loan request. But the resolution was put on the back burner after the potential legal problems were brought up.

Santos said the resolution is "now a moot issue, if not null and void."

A 2006 executive order signed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial requires CUC to get the consent of the Legislature before making any loans worth over \$500,000.

CUC needs \$4.5 million

to pay part of its \$6-million contract with Aggreko International, which will provide rental generators to Saipan while the power plant is undergoing repair. The contract requires CUC to make a partial payment of \$1.5 million before Aggreko will ship the generators. The contract is for one year and includes the generators, lube oil, personnel costs, and maintenance. CUC will provide diesel to the com-

pany. The generators will provide additional 15 megawatt to Saipan's power supply.

CUC is also looking at using a portion of the money to pay for fuel expenses and the utility's debts to its power plant contractors, Telesource CNMI and Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp.

Because of its financial problems, CUC currently cannot get a loan from outside lending institutions.

CUC LOAD SHEDDING SCHEDULE

(for July 5 through July 11, 2008)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said that, as the rehabilitation and maintenance repairs continue on the engines and generators at the Power Plant 1, the load shedding schedule for July 5 through July 11, 2008 will be as follows.

8am - 10am Feeder-2: Entire Grid

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CPA/Airport, As Perdido

12pm - 2pm Kiya-2: Second Partial

Koblerville, As Gonno, San Antonio and Afetnas

2pm - 4pm Feeder-1: Second & Third Partial

99 Cents Store and portions of Garapan and Upper Navy Hill, Annaks Condominiums

4pm - 6pm Feeder-7: Entire Grid

Lower Base industrial area, north to Tanapag, Achugao, San Roque, As Matuis and Marpi.

6pm - 8pm Kiya-4: Second Partial

Susupe, Mount Carmel south to portions of Chalan Kanoa and Chalan Kiya Village

8pm - 10pm Feeder-4: Second Partial

Capitol Hill, As Teo, Kagman and portions of Papago

The first partial in each of the respective feeder/kiya could be included in the schedule should the second partial be insufficient. In addition, water and wastewater services will also be affected in the respective areas as a result of the power outages. CUC will make all efforts to keep to this schedule; however, it may be modified in future public notices. Please be informed that such schedule may be altered to address particular emergencies when necessary. (CUC)

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
GLENN H. MANGLONA and
ALOYSE M. MANGLONA,
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 05-0068R

NOTICE OF
AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Glenn H. Manglona and Aloyse M. Manglona in the following described real property situated on Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 326 R 09 (part of Lot 326 R 04)
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Thence S 87° 53' 42" E, 48.103 meters to Corner 3;
Thence S 02° 30' 00" E, 56.904 meters to Corner 4;
Thence N 87° 53' 42" W, 47.810 meters to Corner 5;
Thence N 13° 23' 28" W, 53.473 meters to Corner 1,
which is the point of beginning; containing an area of 3,000 square meters, more or less.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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 - c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501 127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.

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7. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Glenn H. Manglona and Aloyse M. Manglona in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

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Chamber opposes two proposed tax measures

By **STEFAN SEBASTIAN**
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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is urging CNMI House lawmakers to reject legislation aimed at extending the term of a now expired program that gave amnesty to delinquent taxpayers and a bill to providing a tax incentive that it says the private sector might abuse.

In two June 25 letters to House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan), Chamber president James Arenovski says HB 16-91, introduced by Rep. Justo S. Quitugua (D-Saipan), and HB 16-87, offered by Rep. Oscar Babauta (C-Saipan) could ultimately hinder the efforts of local authorities to collect taxes.

Proponents of 16-91—a bill establishing a tax incentive for those who make donations to the government aimed at improving public facilities—say it is critical for boosting the government's ability to maintain public parks, beaches and playgrounds at a time when funding is scarce.

Yet the Chamber's letter points to several key problems with the bill's language, noting it could undermine the power of the Commonwealth's elected officials to appropriate funds and that the criteria for gaining a tax break under the bill are vague.

Lawmakers should reject the bill, introduced in April, because the tax incentive it would create could be widely

misused and decrease annual tax revenues, the Chamber's letter says. Moreover, the Chamber says the bill could result in widespread abuse.

"By way of example, if five lawn care companies decided to cut the lawn at the public library every week, does it follow that the lawn at the public library needs to be cut five times each week?" the letter asks. "It does not, but regardless, under this bill, each of those five companies would be entitled to the tax credit for the provision of lawn care services—to the great detriment of other Commonwealth public facilities that are in need of cash, goods, or services."

The government's purchases in the private sector can also increase tax revenues, the

letter says, while donations would not.

"In the simplest terms, the net effect of HB 16-91 would be a decrease in revenues and operating flexibility for the Commonwealth," it concludes.

Meanwhile, the tax amnesty that HB-16-87 would provide tax dodgers a further incentive to continue evading payment, the chamber says.

HB-16-87 would renew a program that waived government penalties and interest for those who fail to pay local taxes as an incentive to settle those debts. The program expired through a sunset provision in 2001, yet the bill's language notes the amnesty proved "highly successful" in helping collect late payments,

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,

-vs-
VICENTE L. METTAO and MARSHA LOURDES L. METTAO Defendants.

Civil Action No. 03-0371B

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vicente L. Mettao and Marsha Lourdes L. Mettao in the following described, real property situated in Sugar King Estates, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 017 D 12, containing an area of 900 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 4842 on the 11th of September 1975, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER
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Civil Action No. 05-0101C

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The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Thomas I. Palacios and James M. Mendiola in the following described, real property situated in (insert), CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 131 T 31, containing an area of 1,322 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on the Parcel Split of 131 T 08, DLS Check No. 131 T 04, an original of which was filed with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, as File No. 95-432 on February 22, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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State of the Judiciary Address on Friday

The Legislature will be conducting a joint session this Friday for the State of the Judiciary Address.



Demapan

Lawmakers of both the Senate and the House of Representatives will receive the Judiciary's status report, to be delivered by CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan.

The State of the Judiciary Address will be held July 11, at 10am, in the chamber of the House of Representatives at the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capital Hill.

In a notice issued over the weekend, House Speaker Ar-

nold I. Palacios and Senate President Pete P. Reyes are in-

viting the public to this occasion. (PR)

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adding that many did not take advantage of the program the first time it was available.

A second amnesty program would be "still the most cost-effective way for the government to collect tax revenue during these difficult economic times," the bill says.

However, the bill gives tax evaders an unfair advantage that lets them skirt significant penalties, the Chamber's letter says, and the solution to the government's need for more

tax revenue is stricter enforcement of tax codes, not another amnesty program.

"Penalties are included in tax laws as a disincentive to those who might otherwise not report or underreport incomes," the letter says. "Interest charges are included in the laws both as the same disincentive as well as to compensate the government for the costs associated with the lost use of those revenues over a period of time. We disagree that removing those disincentives is in the best long-term interests of the Commonwealth or our economy."

Contrary to its intent, the letter says that the legislation actually would create an added reason to forego paying taxes, the letter adds. "The message this bill sends to the public is 'Don't come forward and admit to error or fraud and make appropriate amends in a timely manner—wait for the next amnesty period instead,'" it says.

The committee recommended last month that HB 16-87 be shelved—meaning they will forego action on it—a sign it is unlikely to make any progress through the Legislature.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 07, 1999

Plan to "localize" park administration nixed

Expressing doubts on the local government's capability to manage park facilities efficiently, an official of the National Park Service or NPS is opposing a proposal to localize the administration of the American Memorial Park. "We would like to continue the collaborative relationship that we have with the commonwealth in the management of the American Memorial Park," NPS superintendent Karen Gustin said.

CUC close to choosing Saipan power plant builder

A final report on the independent re-evaluation of the stalled power project on Saipan is expected to be completed within the next few days, inching closer to selecting a contractor to build the 80-megawatt plant, officials said yesterday. Burns & McDonnell, a U.S. engineering firm hired by Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to conduct another round of review on various project proposals, will submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors either this week or early next week.

JAL boosts flights to Saipan

Buoyed by the positive results of its additional flights, Japan Airlines has decided to operate 10 charter flights in July and August covering the cities of Osaka, Nagoya and Fukuoka in a move to boost visitor arrivals in the CNMI. Despite the absence of charter flights last month, JAL ferried a total of 16,692 Japanese tourists which resulted in a 113 percent jump in the number of travelers from the same period last year. Of this, 10,824 passengers came from Tokyo while 5,868 were from Osaka.

July 07, 2000

DPS, DPH may miss court deadline due to lack of funds

The Departments of Public Safety and Public Health will find it hard to meet the deadlines set by the Superior Court in ensuring that murder suspect Dwayne M. Sibetang will be provided with facilities that are sufficiently staffed with qualified mental health professionals due to unavailability of funds. Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas has ordered the CNMI government to certify on or before July 12, 2000 that the Division of Corrections has all the necessary facilities that meet the requirements of the Patient's Rights Act and the Criminal Commitment Act.

SNILD allows street naming commission to change plan

Saipan lawmakers yesterday passed a local bill to allow the streetnaming commission to alter initial plan on the efforts to mark streets and roads on the island. The measure, offered by Rep. David M. Apatang, stemmed from a petition by San Antonio residents to block the plan to assign local fish names on the village's streets.

PSS seeks aid for Anatahan school construction

Plans to expedite the construction of the proposed Anatahan school in the Northern Islands are facing delay due to the absence of transport services that would carry construction materials to the island. The Public School System has expressed concern over the lack of an adequate transportation which would haul concrete and other supplies to the construction site, citing this as one major factor slowing the project down.

July 07, 2001

Blackout on Rota looms

Blackout is likely to occur in a large portion of Rota if no immediate action is taken by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to upgrade its inoperative substation, warned Rota-CUC resident director Charles Manglona. In his report to the CUC board of Directors, Manglona said that CUC Rota has actually been purchasing power from the Rota Resort and Country Club to serve approximately 40 percent of the island's electricity demand.

No FEMA funds yet for CUC

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has not received anything yet of its 90-percent expected reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Rota typhoon assistance. This, even as FEMA assistance funding for all jurisdictions was reportedly de-allocated due to a national budget situation last month, prompting the CNMI government to request for its reinstatement.

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Marianas Public Land Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marianas Public Land Trust is inviting the general public of Tinian to attend a public hearing for a proposed Tinian Public Market.

The hearing will be conducted as follows:

Date: July 7, 2008

Venue: Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria

Time: 6:00 PM

/s/ ALVARO A. SANTOS
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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An African failure

Asha-Rose Migiyo, a United Nations deputy secretary general, bluntly told the African Union summit Monday that the crisis in Zimbabwe presented “a moment of truth for regional leaders.” Sadly, those leaders failed to rise to the occasion. This week, the summit, badly divided between democrats outraged by Robert Mugabe’s campaign of terror against his own people and dictators who have applied similar repression, could agree only on a weak statement calling for a “unity government.” The truth the leaders dodged is that there can be no political peace in Zimbabwe until Mr. Mugabe and the clique of thugs around him give up power — and that, in turn, is unlikely to happen if Zimbabwe’s African neighbors do not apply tangible diplomatic and economic sanctions.

Both Mr. Mugabe and his opposition, which defeated him in a March 29 election, have publicly rejected the unity government proposal, which has been peddled mainly by such apologists for Mr. Mugabe as South African President Thabo Mbeki. The general idea is that Zimbabwe would adopt the model of Kenya, which formed a coalition government after a disputed election last year. But Raila Odinga, the Kenyan opposition leader who became prime minister in that accord, was among those who called for an entirely different course of action on Zimbabwe. The African Union, Mr. Odinga said, should expel Mr. Mugabe’s government “and send peace forces to Zimbabwe to ensure free and fair elections.”

Encouragingly, a number of other African leaders have taken a similar stand against the 84-year-old strongman, who all but destroyed his once prosperous country even before launching his murderous campaign this year to reverse the election results. Botswana also called for Mr. Mugabe’s ouster from the African Union and the Southern African Development Community; Liberia and Sierra Leone, two formerly failed states that are recovering thanks to internationally sponsored elections, lobbied for a formal condemnation of the regime. The problem is that Mr. Mugabe is not the only autocrat in the African Union — the fellow thugs who embraced him at the summit included its host, Egypt’s Hosni Mubarak.

Africa’s failure means that the challenge of Zimbabwe must now be taken up by the U.N. Security Council; Mr. Mugabe spurned its unanimous vote in favor of postponing the one-sided runoff election he staged last week. The United States is circulating an appropriately tough resolution that would declare Mr. Mugabe’s new mandate illegitimate, freeze the assets of key associates and apply an arms embargo against his regime. Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, boldly predicted that some action will be taken, despite the predictable resistance of China and South Africa. “If there is no response,” he asked, “what does that say about the council?” Answer: It would say that the United Nations is no more prepared than the African Union is to protect a suffering nation from a criminal government.

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We the people must change our thinking!

I hope no one thinks that the myriad problems we face today happened overnight. Problems in the CNMI started a long time back as small ones and grew into major ones as we ignored them. In our personal life it is the same way. Marriages begin to fall apart slowly, friendships break up unless nurtured, and a small illness grows into a major one—all start from small beginnings and grow into major ones when we ignore them.

We have to start thinking how we can correct and prevent the same mistakes we keep making repeatedly in the election of our representatives. There is only one way and that is to elect only men and women who have proven or will prove that they have the welfare of the people and the CNMI at heart. We must stop voting for “family relatives.”

Coming from the outside, I have always been amused at election time how persons I know by their first and last names suddenly have three or four more names on their political posters scattered around the island. Let’s say the name is Jesus Tenorio (a fictitious name; any similarity to a real person is entirely coincidental). At election time he becomes Jesus Cabrera Magofna Pangelinan Pellegrino Tenorio.

Where did he suddenly get all these names? Of course, he is referring to all the families he is remotely related to. He wants the “extended family” to know that he is running for office. So they vote accordingly because all of a sudden he is—wow!—a relative!

We don’t have to consider what his background is. Forget that he has nothing to show for his life’s endeavors. Don’t question his educational background—vote for him because he suddenly is a “lost relative” and we must vote for him. After all, isn’t this the island style? Yet we become unhappy when he proves to be worthless in the position we voted him to. Who should we blame when the problems keep growing? We are to blame because we voted for him.

Another pre-election game is that before a person runs for office he states: “I have to consult with my family and get their position before I can decide to run or not for office.” Does this person always confer with his family when he is going to do other things like go on vacation, have another baby (except confer with his wife), change jobs or move his residence? What is he really saying? He means I need to check if my extended family will support me or not. Okay, that is wise. But does the family ever ask him if he really is qualified to be an elected official?

Please don’t think I am merely poking fun at this style of campaigning. If the candidate wants to keep doing it this way, more power to him. But the reality is that unless *we the voters* question the candidate’s background, ability and sincerity, we will keep voting for people who are not qualified and are promoting their own personal agendas. Thus the problems keep growing.

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



Rarely do we hear or see a candidate state his qualifications for the elected position he seeks. Rarely does he present a platform of his own and promise to follow it. We know little of his background and do not ask for it. We hear only fuzzy remarks and glitzy promises about what he will do for us. We rarely question whether the promises are realistic or dreams. We soak up the beer and eat the food at his pocket meetings and listen to his rambling ideas knowing that, good or bad, we will vote for him because he is a “relative.” Who is to blame? We are because we voted for him.

It is time for us to consider what we must do in the next election. We cannot keep voting for “friends and relatives.” We must consider a new approach. Here is my suggestion for improving our situation and solving our problems.

Change and progress is what this country needs badly. And this change and progress can only come by electing fresh young faces. Change and progress need youth. Youth is not afraid of change and progress. Youth believes that change and progress can be brought about. Youth sees hope and a bright future where we elders see despair and futility.

Here are a few names of young famous people who hold or have held political office. John F. Kennedy was only 44 years old when he was elected President of the United States. Barack Obama is only 47 years old and is seeking to be President of the United States. Governor Pijuh Jinday of Louisiana was only 36 years old when elected. Patrick McHenry from the State of North Carolina is the youngest member of the U.S. Congress at the age of 33. He was elected when only 31. Brad Henry, Governor of Oklahoma, is only 39 years old. Zebulon Baird Vance, former Governor of North Carolina, was only 28 years old when elected.

Though Martin Luther King never held political office, he received the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 35, the youngest recipient ever. So the list goes on about youth in high elected offices or high achievements.

We have to reach out to our youth who are better educated than many of us and see a different CNMI than us. They are young enough to see the horizon as a bright future. We must motivate them

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All men (sic) are created equal...in Southern Cal

The Fourth of July weekend in the southern Pacific coast of California from San Clemente to San Diego has on display an ethnic rainbow of residents and visitors in its fabulous beaches, the cost of gasoline doubling from last year notwithstanding. Commuters on the Metrolink along the coastal rail service that goes through the famed Solanas Beach and the celebrated Torrey Pines Federal Reserve, site of Tiger Wood's last magic on the links not too long ago, would be forgiven if they thought that an ordinance had been passed to ban anyone who was not golden tanned, with abs flat as a mesa, and muscles toned like those of the Mediterranean gods and goddesses liberally exhibited at San Diego's Balboa Park.

On the hills of Del Mar Heights and the valley of Carmel and the homes of La Jolla live my two grandsons of Irish-German-Scot-Sino-Malay-Anglo-Saxon-Iberian pedigree and are learning their numbers and ABCs with denizens of equally complex genetic lineage. They join the polyglot and mixed-bags of DNAs that populate the place whose young, if their grannies only believed that "all men are created equal," have taken it for granted and are just too busy living it.

Unleashed more than two hundred years ago, the notion of universal equality—not sameness nor equal ratings on a common scale—but equal treatment by government before the law. Thomas Jefferson's phrase "all men are created equal" was but a rebuttal to the prevailing "divine rights of kings" during his time, and "all men" definitely did not include the African slaves and native Americans, nor women and children. In fact, it referred to propertied white males.

Whatever the phrase meant it is one of those that "we hold (these truths) to be true." On this basis, JFK in *A Nation of Immigrants* (1958) wrote that "Immigration policy should be generous; it should be fair; it should be flexible. With such a policy we can turn to the world, and to our own past, with clean hands and a clear conscience."

Until 1965, immigration to the United States favored national origins from England, Holland, Germany and France, traditional nations who first settled and shaped the original 13 Colonies. In fact,

until the U.S. Civil War, the colonies pretty much determined issues of immigration with an open door policy toward Europe and forced coercion from the tribes of West Africa.

Asian and Latin American contract workers in the West Coast would alter the reality of a New England culture, with a reaction so strong that it resulted in the banning of immigration from the Asia Pacific Triangle culminating in the blatantly racial incarceration of residents of Japanese descent during WWII.

Yet, the phrase itself would come to mean in our time, "all humankind," praised during the 1976 bicentennial 4th of July celebration when a new Declaration of Interdependence became the tenor of festivities and town meetings across the nation. This shift of the United States as simply an outgrowth of colonial Europe, to a United States that is a microcosm of the whole world happened during the vast social experiments of the 60s. This social upheaval is a living feature in Southern Cal.

We need "an immigration policy reflecting America's ideal of the equality of all men without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin," said Senator Hiram Fong of Hawaii when the Senate opened immigration hearings in 1965. The resulting immigration act was a repudiation of the restrictive policies from the 1870s to 1929, which prevented migration from anywhere other than the traditional source of the 13 colonies. Henceforth, immigration would be based on preferred professional skills and enabling family reunification.

Preference toward skills created the "brain drain" phenomenon that saw the educated and competent from third World nations magnetized to the United States and Canada. The newly sprouted Japan and Korea towns, and the well established Chinatowns, have sent students to top universities in the last two decades. This second criteria would identify the Act as the "brothers and sisters act."

A study profile in the 70s goes: An Asian male comes to the U.S. to study, gets certified to work, becomes an immigrant and decides to "reunite his family." He petitions his wife and children to join him. The couple become citizens and then petition for their parents and brothers and sisters—all outside the numerical quotas. The brothers and sisters then petition for their own spouses, children,

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parents and siblings. In 10 years, the one student-turned-immigrant would be joined by an average of 18 relatives with their own extended families in tow.

From such fact, otherwise sane Peter Brimelow would issue his book, *Alien Nation*, echoing the nation's group anxiety and "common sense about America's immigration disaster." The mixed review on the current state of U.S. immigration would have President Bush declare in the State of the Union Address in February 2005 that "America's immigration system is outdated, unsuited to the needs of our economy and to the values of our country. We should not be content with laws that punish hardworking people who want only to provide for their families, and deny businesses willing workers, and invites chaos at our border." Underneath this group anxiety is the misguided intent to keep the nation remain a "New England," with English as its sole language in processes of cultural assimilation as a melting pot, rather than the mosaic of the Global Village coming to stay.

The United States celebrates the Fourth of July as Independence Day while we in the Commonwealth see it as Liberation Day, a seeming deliberate attempt to distance the Commonwealth from the "all men are created equal" motif were we to gauge current government actions, and an illusory exercise to exorcise the reality that the people of these isles willingly cooperated with the efforts of Japan, the post-WWI League of Nations administering authority on islands north of the Equator, during the 40s conflict.

But for now, I am working on my abs in the Nation of Immigrants here in Southern Cal. Happy birthday, America!

Letter to the Editor

The mess at CUC

Editor's Note: The following letter is being published as a series due to its length.

Last of a five-part series

CUC has come to a juncture where, unless critical and correct measures are undertaken, the CUC is only awaiting collapse, and the Aggreko contract, if incorrectly contracted in capacity and in length of service, will simply hasten such collapse. I ask my fellow citizens, and especially the Legislature, to be forewarned about the Aggreko contract. CUC should first address the DCM contract to understand the schedule for completion of rehabilitation of Power Plant I. The need for temporary power does exist, but only after the DCM schedule for completion is known. Also, as detailed in the foregoing, the efficiency clauses of the Aggreko contract must be addressed before mobilizing the equipment from Singapore. CUC should seriously consider the claims of Telesource that it can provide power at half the costs. To proceed with Aggreko and fail is not a viable option for CUC and the rate payers.

In addition, the readers should know that as early as 2002, CUC was cautioned by many consultants of the potential line losses estimated from 15 percent to 25 percent of the power generation output. The distribution system at CUC is not like when I built it. Essential system components have been removed for reasons that no one has been able to explain to me, the load at the underground power line to Waterloo Substation has been exceeded by dangerous levels, wrong transformer sizes and conductor sizes are being used to service loads, and the list of abnormalities just goes on too long to recite. If CUC does

not fix the distribution system, the power generated by Aggreko will also face such losses. To put it simply: It is just like trying to fill an empty tank with expensive gas. If the tank keeps leaking, do you put in more gas? You need to fix the tank first, right?

CUC management is of the opinion that if they provide more power, CUC sales revenue will grow and CUC will be able to turn around its fiscal condition. But CUC is doing all the wrong things for a successful turnaround. CUC tariffs are already too high. Businesses have closed, and the numbers of consumers on the islands have shrunk significantly. Everyone is getting used to the fact that a bill from CUC is like a bill from a loan shark. It never gets lower. It only kills you. So, everyone has gotten into the routine of pulling off plugs, using fans instead of air-conditioning, making their business places smaller, or closing down. As a report undertaken for CUC puts it, "CUC has reached an extremely elastic point in the power demand curve."

Personally, I think it will take at least a 20 percent tariff reduction to get consumers to abandon their power reduction (not conservation) regime. In the meantime, CUC still have the same system losses, and CUC is still using the wrong oil and doing all the wrong things, and taking the wrong paths to recovery. If CUC is eyeing the use of the Aggreko units to boost sales, I am sorry to say, it will break CUC financially as the sales increase desired will not materialize.

There is another disaster waiting to happen involving CUC. CUC oil storage facilities at Lower Base are on the brink of a catastrophic failure. Tank 104, which has over 300,000 gallons of used and contaminated fuel, is near ready to fall apart. In addition, there are thousands of waste oil in leaking drums. CUC has yet to resolve this problem, despite a U.S. EPA Order in 2006 of potential fines of \$32,000 per day. If CUC deals with this in its laizzes faire way, soon all we will have is our beautiful lagoon completely polluted by contaminated oil. We will then simply become a basket case; no

business, no work, only food stamps as the future for our people. And for all the hotel owners, especially some sympathizers, please be aware, your hotel beach front could be the worst nightmare yet in our beautiful island. Already, the coastline at Tanapag and Charlie Dock is showing signs of oil spill.

Our community needs a utility that is well managed, and one that is not clouded by suspect procurement procedures and poor execution of contracts and inaction. The CUC has been financially damaged by bad procurement, bad contractors who have not performed, and action should be taken to terminate these contracts. CUC needs capable project managers and engineers to assist the executive director to get the power plant back in shape. However, no degree of help can be of use to CUC if it continues awarding contracts that have no fiscal or professional merit.

CUC's must resolve the contract involving DCM, so that in the end, our utility can be one that we are proud of again. The task on hand for the utility requires technical knowhow, teamwork and earnest effort. The penalties that DCM has incurred is clear and indisputable. Their inability to perform and complete the contract is now unquestionable.

CUC needs a project management team to manage all the five different contractors doing various work at Power Plant I. CUC needs to obtain a real attorney with knowledge of utilities or contracts to review and administer all of CUC procurement. But the most critical issue for CUC remains the completion of rehabilitation of Power Plant I without further delay, the reversion back to heavy fuel, and the rehabilitation and improvement for the power distribution system. Time is already out for CUC, and if these three critical issues are not successfully executed, well, the people of the CNMI may be better off selling CUC for \$1.00

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WE

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to seek political office. They are our future. We older citizens have lived a long and enjoyable life and must step aside and encourage youth to take over the responsibilities of running our country.

Many of the youth I have spoken to want to help but they fear that they will be disrespectful to their elders. I tell them to be respectfully disrespectful. Please understand that we need fresh new faces

with fresh new ideas.

This is the only way our people who have left the islands will return. The youth who return will share with us their new-found knowledge and experience of living in the United States adding to our change and progress. We have to reinvent ourselves. The old thinking will not do anymore. We are first United States citizens and second citizens of the CNMI.

Let's stop being afraid of losing our culture when we accept change and progress. It is funny that no one ever questions when did a particular part of our culture start and were there any changes






made. We seem to never realize that culture is in a constant state of flux as all other change is. Which is worse, changing the culture to suit the times or losing our islands completely?

I would love to see our youth take control of government and run it as they see fit. I can feel the excitement and pulse of new changes and progress. Instead of walking forward with our heads turned backward, we now can march forward in bold strides with our eyes looking ahead. A new and exciting CNMI awaits us if only we are willing to take the first step toward it. I am! Will you join me and our youth?

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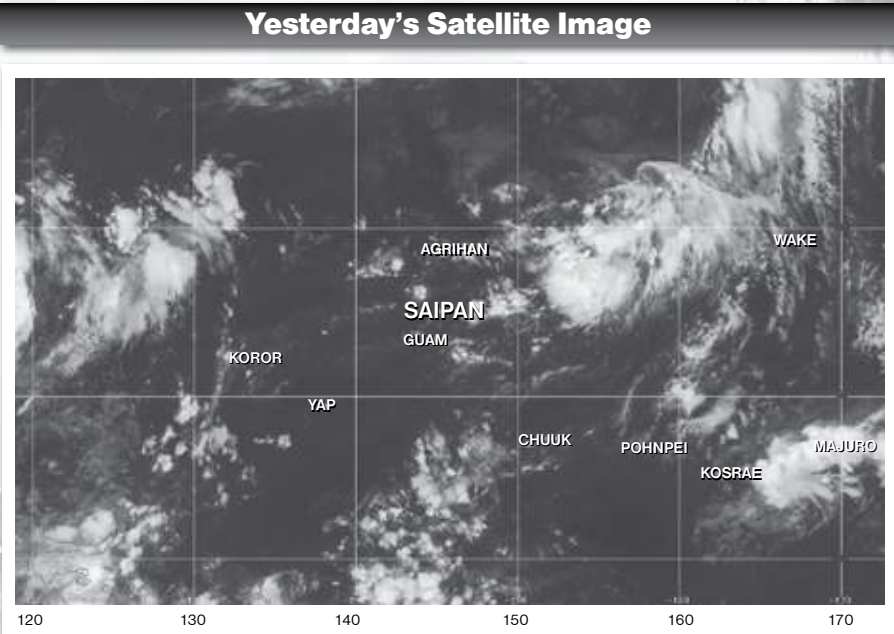
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78	▲88° ▼78°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Cloudy	▲85 ▼76
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼78
Yap	Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲88 ▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼71
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Majuro	Cloudy	▲85 ▼75

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Cloudy	▲55 ▼43
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲95 ▼74
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲84 ▼75
London	Thunderstorms	▲70 ▼53
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲86 ▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼44
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼72
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲91 ▼77
Paris	Rain	▲66 ▼54
Pusan	Partly Sunny	▲87 ▼77
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲84 ▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲90 ▼56
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼73
Tokyo	Showers	▲85 ▼73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼71

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
5:07AM Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
9:54AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:04PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:54PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered at 22N131E. An upper-level trough extends from the low southeastward to west of Yap at 10N137E to 2N140E. Scattered showers are found within 70 miles of a line from 22N132E to 18N138E and between 11N and 14N from 130E to 133E. Also scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of 2N from 140E to 147E. A cold front extends eastward from 20N140E to a weak circulation centered at 21N158E then curves northeastward as a warm front to 25N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring northeast of the Marianas between 13N and 25N from 150E to 167E. This area includes Wake Island. Convergent trade-winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Chuuk between 3N and 8N from 146E to 152E. Scattered trade-wind showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Kwajalein between 8N and 11N from 162E to 165E. A surface trough embedded in trade-wind flow is associated with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 200 miles of a line from 3N166E to 8N173E. This area includes Majuro.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:52AM	6:52 PM	Today	9:41AM	10:16PM
Tuesday	5:52AM	6:52 PM	Tuesday	10:33AM	10:53PM
Wednesday	5:53AM	6:52 PM	Wednesday	11:23AM	11:29 PM
Thursday	5:53AM	6:52 PM	Thursday	12:12PM	
Friday	5:53AM	6:52 PM	Friday	1:01PM	12:05PM

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Saipan-Guam		Guam-Saipan	
CO9317	4:00am 4:50am Daily	CO 9316	2:30am 3:20am Daily
CO9597	8:30am 9:20am 1,2,5,6	CO9596	7:00am 7:50am Daily
CO9313	8:30am 10:00am 3,4,7 via Rota	CO9598	10:15am 11:45am 1,2,6 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm 1:20pm Daily	CO9600	10:45am 11:35am 3,4,5,7
CO9603	3:30pm 4:20pm Daily	CO9602	2:00pm 2:50pm Daily
CO9605	6:30pm 7:20pm Daily	CO9604	5:00pm 5:50pm Daily
CO9599	9:30pm 10:20pm Daily	CO9606	8:00pm 8:50pm Daily
Saipan-Narita		Narita-Saipan	
NW 099	5:00am 7:40am Daily	NW 076	10:15am 2:55pm Daily
NW 078	8:55am 2:00pm Daily	NW 077	6:25pm 1:30am+1 Daily
NW 075	4:45pm 7:25pm Daily	NW 100	8:45pm 1:25am+1 Daily
Saipan-Osaka		Osaka-Saipan	
NW 083	4:20pm 7:05pm Daily	NW 084	10:30am 3:05pm Daily
Saipan-Nagoya		Nagoya-Saipan	
NW 078	8:55am 11:35am Daily	NW 077	9:00pm 1:30am+1 Daily
Saipan-Manila		Manila-Saipan	
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CO 895	6:45pm 8:35pm 3	CO 890	11:45am 5:35pm 3
Saipan-Seoul		Seoul-Saipan	
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CO 933	7:00pm 8:40pm Daily	CO 934	10:55pm 4:30am+1 Daily
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE			
Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Business

Travel experts: US share of foreign tourists slips

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Despite the weak U.S. dollar, a boom in international travel around the world hasn't translated into an explosion of foreign tourists to the United States.

Explanations range from post-9/11 security headaches and lower airfares elsewhere to poor marketing by the U.S.

Whatever the cause, travel industry experts say the U.S. is missing an opportunity to make up for the shortfall in domestic tourism caused by high fuel prices.

According to the U.N. World Tourism Organization, the United States had 51 million international visitors in 2000, more than 7 percent of the 682

million international arrivals worldwide. But as international arrivals worldwide jumped to 846 million in 2006, the U.S. saw roughly the same number of visitors as it used to - dropping its share to 6 percent.

The U.S. share of international tourism dollars has slipped too, though the U.S.

still drew more money than any other single country in 2006 and more than it did in 2000. From 16 percent of the market in 2000, or \$82.4 billion, the U.S. took in 12 percent of the \$733 billion worldwide tourism market, or \$86 billion in 2006.

Major destinations such as Los Angeles, Orlando, San Francisco, Miami,

Honolulu, Las Vegas, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Boston all saw 20 percent to 34 percent fewer travelers in 2006 compared with 2000. Of the top 10 cities, only New York saw more visitors in 2006 than in 2000, with a 9 percent increase to 6.2 million arrivals, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FDA reports more cases of salmonella illnesses

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government on Saturday increased the number of people reported being sickened in a record salmonella outbreak in which tomatoes are the leading

suspect although investigators are testing other types of fresh produce. There have been 943 reported cases nationwide, with at least 130 hospitalizations since mid-April after the first salmonella illnesses appeared, the Food and Drug Administration said Saturday. That com-

pare with a total of 922 people about two days ago and 869 reported earlier in the past week. The FDA also said it had begun looking at jalapeno peppers as a possible cause of the outbreak, as well as ingredients used to make salsa such as cilantro and Serrano peppers.

Tomatoes continue to be investigated as well, spokeswoman Stephanie Kwisnek said.

Bush, Fukuda lay out goals for G-8 summit in Japan

TOYAKO, Japan (AP)—Global challenges like soar-

ing oil prices and the Earth's rising temperature await President Bush at a summit of top industrialized nations, but first he set out to soothe emotions on a sensitive Japanese issue that's entangled in the nuclear standoff with North Korea. Bush touched down in Japan

on Sunday, his 62nd birthday, and was flying aboard the Marine One presidential helicopter to the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido for his eighth and final Group of Eight summit. His first meeting is with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COMMONWEALTH LAW REVISION COMMISSION
CNMI Judicial Branch

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judicial Branch announces the position of Executive Director of the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Commonwealth Law Revision Commission is a judicial branch agency primarily responsible for codifying CNMI statutes and regulations of a permanent nature, publishing in a reporter system the decisions of the Commonwealth judiciary, and making these laws available to the public.

NATURE OF WORK: The Director will be responsible for revising and publishing the Commonwealth Code and NMI Administrative Code in print and digital formats; publishing, headnoting, and digesting Commonwealth court decisions in the established CNMI case reporter system in print and digital formats; contracting for printing of the Codes and Reporters and related publications in paper and electronic media; directly hiring, managing, and supervising professional, clerical and other staff as may be deemed necessary to assist the Commission in performing its duties and functions; managing and overseeing daily office administrative operations, including personnel and fiscal management, procurement, contract negotiations, programs and project development, public relations, and related work; formulating, preparing, and analyzing the commission's annual operating budget; coordinating a minimum of two board of director meetings a year to report on office operations and activities; and maintaining the Commission's website at www.cnmilaw.org.

QUALIFICATIONS: At a minimum, the Director should hold a juris doctor degree from an accredited United States institution, have two years general managerial/supervisory experience, be detail oriented, and possess a firm understanding of the rules of grammar and punctuation. Preference will be given to an applicant who has prior codification experience, knowledge of the principles of government budgetary processes, personnel management, contract procedures, and the political processes.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is a full-time, ungraded position appointed and served at the pleasure of the Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court/Law Revision Commission Chairman. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

INTERESTED PERSONS should provide a cover letter, resume, and application to Naomi Lujan-Gonzales, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission. The mentioned documents can be delivered to the Commission office at the Guma' Hustisia/limwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan, or mailed to P.O. Box 502179, Saipan MP 96950, or faxed to (670) 236-9897. For additional information about this position, visit www.cnmilaw.org or call (670) 236-9820.

CLOSING DATE for application to this position is 12:00 noon on July 8, 2008, thus all required documents must be received by 12:00 noon on July 8, 2008, no exceptions.



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California wildfires strain state’s resources

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A wildfire threatening thousands of homes in Southern California spread slowly through scenic canyonlands Saturday, straining resources as crews struggled to contain hundreds of other blazes around the state.

“The firefighters are stretched thin, they are exhausted,” and some have gone days without sleep, said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who visited a command post in Santa Barbara County.

A slew of wildfires, most ignited by lightning two weeks ago, has burned more than 800 square miles of land throughout California. The blazes have destroyed at least 69 homes and other buildings and contributed to the death of a firefighter who suffered a heart attack while digging fire lines.

About 1,400 fires have been contained, but more than 330 still burned out of control Saturday.

Schwarzenegger said the state’s top priority was in the coastal region of Santa Barbara County, where nearly 2,700 homes were threatened by a four-day-old fire in the Los Padres National Forest that has consumed about 13 square miles.

Cooler, moist air Saturday kept the fire sluggish and helped firefighters trying to surround it, said Pat Wheatley, county spokeswoman. Evening fell without the return of the late afternoon “sundowner” winds that had sent flames racing up to homes on Friday evening, she said.

“We’ve been pleased by some cooperative weather,” Wheatley said. “The ‘sundowners’ that we were afraid could happen did not happen much tonight so that gave us an opportunity to fight the fire without fighting the winds.”

The fire was 24 percent contained, she said.

More than 2,600 homes were under mandatory evacuation Saturday, and residents in another 1,400 were warned to be ready to flee if the flames gathered speed.

Wheatley said the mandatory evacuation orders were partially lifted later Saturday, allowing many residents to return home, but she did not know how many homes were affected.

The fire, which was burning in 15-foot-high, half-century-old chaparral, still had the potential to roll through a hilly area of ranches, housing tracts and orchards between the town of Goleta and Santa Barbara, keeping firefighters on their toes.



AP
A firefighter stands watch as a brush fire burns out of control in the Santa Ynez Mountains near Goleta, Calif., on Saturday July 5, 2008.

Obama: Media response to Iraq remarks is overblown

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Barack Obama celebrated “active faith” as an obligation of religious Americans and a chief agent of societal change while speaking Saturday to a nearly all-black roomful of churchgoers, but hoping to reach far beyond them.

Earlier in the day as he flew from Montana to Missouri, Obama told reporters he was surprised at how the media has “finely calibrated” his recent words on Iraq, and reaffirmed his commitment to ending the war if elected.

Making a less than two-hour stop in the battleground state of Missouri, the Democratic presidential nominee implored the thousands attending a national meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the nation’s largest and most politically and civically active black denominations, to help fix national and local ills.

He preached individual responsibility, saying he knew he risked criticism for “blaming the victim” by talking of the need for parents to help children with homework and turn off the TV, to pass on a healthy self-image to daughters, and teach boys both to respect women and “realize that responsibility does not end at conception.”

3 US hostages give thanks for rescue

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The three American hostages rescued by Colombia’s military said in their first public statement that they are doing fine and are thrilled to “return home to the country we love.”


In a statement released late Friday by the U.S. Army, the men thanked their families, the Colombian military and the U.S. government, “who never forgot us.”

“For five and a half long years, we all hoped and prayed this day would come,” the men said. “Now that it has, we’re just overwhelmed with emotion. The love and the joy we’re all experiencing is beyond description.”


The three freed American hostages—Keith Stansell, Marc Gonsalves and Thomas Howes—have been receiving medical care at Brooke Army Medical Center at San Antonio’s Fort Sam Houston. The three were working for a Northrop Grumman Corp. subsidiary when their drug-surveillance plane went down in Colombia’s southern jungle in February 2003.

They were among 15 hostages, including French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt and 11 Colombians, rescued by Colombia’s military in a daring mission Wednesday.

In their statement, which was released on the Fourth of July, the men said, “We can’t think of a better time to thank our fellow citizens for never giving up on us, for never forgetting us, for always believing that we would, one day, return home to the country we love.”



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PENDING AGENCY CASES

July 3, 2008 First Notice

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Case No.	Employee	Employer	Hearing Date	Time
07-084-08	Abiendo, Alicia Q.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Alquetra, Marita P.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Apit, Pawad E.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Auriada, Mia V.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Banola, Teresita	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Bautista, Estellore O.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Biascan, Emily L.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Bordios, Liezel M.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Borjal, M. Lani P.	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Buzon, Clovita S.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Cabel, Isabel P.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-048-03	Cabinilla, Clarita C.	I Mart	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Campos, Myrna	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Cao, Tingwei	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Casilihan, Veronica	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Celemente, Rosario J.	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Chen, Chungin	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Dela Cruz, Danilo R.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Domingo, Anabel M.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Espanola, Elma F.	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Fajardo, Brigido J. Jr.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-051-03	Fang, Guohua	Sablan, Roland	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Fang, Jianming	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Fang, Yi Lin	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Flores, Roderick F.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Gestole, Marites G.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Graneta, Magno	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-050-03	Guan, Jinshan	Perfect Corporation	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	He, Ai Qin	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Isip, Nila A.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Labasan, Mary A.B.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-048-03	Ladringan, Ave S.	I Mart	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-071-05	Leung, Kuan Y.	Freedom, Inc. and Dragon, Inc.	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-051-03	Li, Li	Sablan, Roland	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-050-03	Li, Meizhen	Perfect Corporation	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Li, Xiaojuan	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Li, Yehong	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.

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07-049-03	Li, Zhicheng	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Lian, Wanlong	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Lin, Chun Mei	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-050-03	Lin, Qingyun	Perfect Corporation	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Liu, Yuzhu	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Liwanag, Leonora	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Malaca, Norida G.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Maldonado, Pedro M.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Mananggit, Benedicto A.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Martinez, Larry S.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Marzan, Wilma D.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Melindo, Christopher Jr.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Meneses, Emily C.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Mercado, Anastacia	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-071-05	Min, Leung Hu	Freedom, Inc. and Dragon, Inc.	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Monteclaro, Bernarda	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Panglila, Editha F.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Qiu, Fang Hua	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-052-03	Reyes, Marissa S.	Ceron Heavy Equipment and Parts	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Reyes, May L.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Rivera, Jeannie J.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Serrano, Amelia C.	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Shi, Desheng	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Shi, Wenfang	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Shou, Jianjiang	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Sumpay, Rolland	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Tadeo, Luzviminda S.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Tapdasan, Jeffrey T.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-074-06	Uveta, Ruel C.	Duenas, Georgia	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Villafuerte, Precilla M.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Villanueva, Marina M.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-084-08	Vloria, Darwin F.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	July 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-051-03	Weng, Qinghua	Sablan, Roland	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Wu, Yufeng	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-050-03	Zheng, Jiang Ming	Perfect Corporation	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-051-03	Zheng, Jinzhang	Sablan, Roland	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Zheng, Ying	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-049-03	Zhou, Guojun	Cepeda, Maria B.	July 17, 2008	1:00 p.m.
07-088-10	Zou, Xiu Ping	Santos, Jesus and Lorylinda	July 15, 2008	1:00 p.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

ACLU plans to investigate Rainbow Family treatment

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) —The American Civil Liberties Union said Saturday that it plans to investigate the actions of federal law enforcers who arrested five Rainbow Family members in western Wyoming during their annual gathering. The U.S. Forest Service says a mob of about 400 members of the Rainbow Family, a group of hippie types and eccentrics who camp on public land every year, threw rocks and sticks at Forest Service officers who tried to arrest a member of the group. Up to 60 federal and local law enforcers responded, Forest Service officials say, and fired “pepper balls”—similar to paint balls but containing a pepper solution—at the crowd to control it. As many as 7,000 members of the Rainbow Family camped out this year on Forest Service land near the Big Sandy Reservoir. The group holds a weeklong gathering on public land in a different area each year.

Texas man caught fleeing scene of neighbor’s stabbing

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—El Paso police arrested a man on a charge of attempted murder Saturday after he was caught fleeing the scene of a stabbing in his motorized wheelchair. The 52-year-old is accused of stabbing his neighbor in an El Paso apartment complex after several days of feuding, police spokesman Darrel Petry said. Officers arrived at the complex around Saturday morning and found Billy Cheeks inside his apartment bleeding from a stab wound to his chest. Police said the attacker was James Grady, 52. Grady is accused of riding up to Cheeks’ apartment in his motorized wheelchair, walking into the apartment through a partially opened door and stabbing Cheeks with a knife, police said. Police arrested Grady on a street corner about half-mile (kilometer) away in his motorized wheelchair, Petry said.

Jones Beach evacuated after fireworks wash up

NEW YORK (AP)—A popular beach on Long Island was evacuated at the height of a holiday weekend after stray, unexploded fireworks washed ashore the day after a July Fourth show, state parks officials said Saturday. Roughly 2,000 visitors were told to leave Jones Beach immediately after the seaborne shells began turning up around midday, officials said. Beachcombers, parks staffers and lifeguards spotted the errant explosives, some of which measured 8 inches across, said George Gorman, deputy regional director for state parks. Police scrutinized the sand and water from all-terrain vehicles, boats

and helicopters.

Accident at Iowa town’s fireworks display hurts 37

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -- A Fourth of July fireworks shell misfired in a northern Iowa town, sending a fireball skidding down a street into a crowd

of spectators and injuring 37 people, officials said Saturday. Most of the people treated after the Friday night accident in Charles City suffered minor

injuries, city fire department spokesman Eric Whipple said. It appears there was a misfire involving 13 racks of firework tubes during the finale of the

city-sponsored show, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Boehmer said Saturday. Officials didn’t yet know why the fireworks malfunctioned.



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June 30, 2008 First Notice

July 7, 2008 Second Notice

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07-078-06	Adauag, Ramelyn L.	Tudela, Leonard M. (deceased)	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Aguilar, Gina H.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Aque, Garry R.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Balbin, Ireneo B.	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Baluso, Espie M.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Barbosa, Nenita B.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-378	Bernabe, Carlito E.	Quichocho Security Services	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Bhuiyan, Khairul Hasan	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-157-11	Bronoso, Cenon C.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Calage, Erwin S.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Calimag, Alfonso T.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Cartagena, Lina B.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-094-12	Castaneda, Lily M.	Greenstone International, Inc.	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-083-07	Cepeda, Angelyn C.	Mei Art, Inc.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Chaiapakdee, Thongdee	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-168-12	Che, Gang Hui	Poong In (Spn), Inc.	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Che, Gang Hui	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Chen, Li Feng	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Chen, Ruilian	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Chen, Zhao Di	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Cui, Chunnan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
05-069-04	Dagano, Avelino M.	Joshua Generation Int'l Academy	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-013-01	De Guzman, Ruby M.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Decena, Josefa B.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-157-11	Dedal, Alvin G.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Delos Santos, Agérico M.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Ding, Guozheng	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Dizon, Leticia	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Dong, Xiuli	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Dou, Wangfeng	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Escareces, Sylvia T.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Fang, Jiabin	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Garcia, Liwayway O.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Gatdula, Yolisie M.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-013-01	Gomez, Jr., Alfonso C.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-055-03	Gu, Xuetian	Jin Yang Corporation	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Guinto, Ambrocio R.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-094-07	Gunnacao, Marieta P.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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07-095-12	Liu, Yan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
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08-024	Zou, Wei	Mei Li Saipan, Inc.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
08-008	Zuo, Xiu Ping	Three Nine Corporation	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.

Asia

Myanmar junta rejects Suu Kyi win

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—The overwhelming election victory by Aung San Suu Kyi's party in 1990 has been nullified by the approval of a military-backed constitution and her National League for Democracy party should prepare for a new vote in 2010, Myanmar's state-run newspaper said Sunday.

Myanmar's ruling junta said the passing of its constitution in a May referendum—widely

dismissed by critics as unfair—shows the public no longer cares about the electoral success by the detained Nobel laureate.

Suu Kyi's party won 392 out of 485 seats in the election, the first freely contested poll in nearly three decades. However, the ruling military refused to hand over power, insisting a new constitution was needed before this could be done.

The military drafted a much-maligned constitution that re-

inforces its iron grip on power. The constitution was approved in May by 92.48 percent of the vote, but critics say it was marred by irregularities, including reports of citizens being forced to vote yes.

Rather than fighting to get the 1990 results recognized, the Myanmar Ahlin newspaper called for the National League for Democracy to spend its energy preparing for a new 2010 election.

Orangutan populations declining sharply

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Orangutan numbers have declined sharply on the only two islands where they still live in the wild and they could become the first great ape species to go extinct if urgent action isn't taken, a new study says.

The declines in Indonesia and Malaysia since 2004 are mostly because of illegal logging and the expansion of palm oil plantations, Serge Wich, a scientist at the Great Ape Trust in Iowa, said on Saturday.

The survey found the orangutan population on Indonesia's Sumatra island dropped almost 14 percent since 2004, Wich said. It also concluded that the populations on Borneo island, which is shared by Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia, have fallen by 10 percent. Researchers only surveyed areas of Borneo that are in Indonesia and Malaysia.

In their study, Wich and his 15 colleagues said the declines in Borneo were occurring at an "alarming rate" but that they were

most concerned about Sumatra, where the numbers show the population is in "rapid decline."

"Unless extraordinary efforts are made soon, it could become the first great ape species to go extinct," researchers wrote.

The number of orangutans on Sumatra has fallen from 7,500 to 6,600 while the number on Borneo has fallen from 54,000 to around 49,600, according to the survey on the endangered apes, which appears in this month's science journal *Oryx*.

Pakistan nuclear proliferation case 'closed'

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's Foreign Ministry insisted Saturday that its nuclear proliferation case was closed, a day after the disgraced architect of its atomic program claimed the army under President Pervez Musharraf helped spread the technology.

Abdul Qadeer Khan told The Associated Press on Friday that Pakistan's army supervised a 2000 shipment of used P-1 centrifuges to North Korea. Khan

alleged that it must have been sent with the approval of Musharraf, the then-army chief who took power in a 1999 coup.

"It was a North Korean plane, and the army had complete knowledge about it and the equipment," Khan said. "It must have gone with his (Musharraf's) consent."

The comments caused a stir in Pakistani media, and newspapers played the story prominently on their front pages Saturday.

Musharraf's spokesman, Rashid Qureshi, rejected Khan's claims. "I can say with full confidence that it is all lies and false statements," he said.

Mohammed Sadiq, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, offered only limited comment, however.

"The nuclear proliferation issue is a closed case," Sadiq said, reiterating a longtime Pakistani stance. "We do not think that a debate is required on it."

explosives in a forest outside Kuala Lumpur.

16 trapped, 1 killed in China coal mine

BEIJING (AP)—A state news agency says one person has been killed and another 16 are trapped after an accident at a coal mine in northern China. Xinhua News Agency says seven miners managed to escape from the Wujia coal mine outside Datong city in Shanxi province. The Sunday report says a preliminary analysis of Saturday's accident shows an apparent blast is likely to blame. Xinhua's report did not give details of the rescue operation. Several local officials reached by telephone say they have no more information.

1,000 protest G-8 summit in Japan; police arrest 4

SAPPORO, Japan (AP)—More than 1,000 people marched in northern Japan on Saturday to protest an upcoming summit of the top industrialized countries, and police arrested four protesters after a brief scuffle. No injuries were reported. Demonstrators gathered at a park in central Sapporo to demand that Group of Eight nations take urgent measures to stop global warming, grant indigenous people greater rights, combat world poverty and battle discrimination. The G-8 leaders - from the United States, Japan, Russia, France, Britain, Canada, Italy and Germany - begin a three-day summit on Monday. The top issues are expected to be global warming and soaring oil and food prices.

World

US removes uranium from Iraq

By **BRIAN MURPHY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The last major remnant of Saddam Hussein's nuclear program—a huge stockpile of concentrated natural uranium—reached a Canadian port Saturday to complete a secret U.S. operation that included a two-week airlift from Baghdad and a ship voyage crossing two oceans.

The removal of 550 metric tons of "yellowcake"—the seed material for higher-grade nuclear enrichment—was a significant step toward closing the books on

Saddam's nuclear legacy. It also brought relief to U.S. and Iraqi authorities who had worried the cache would reach insurgents or smugglers crossing to Iran to aid its nuclear ambitions.

What's now left is the final and complicated push to clean up the remaining radioactive debris at the former Tuwaitha nuclear complex about 12 miles south of Baghdad - using teams that include Iraqi experts recently trained in the Chernobyl fallout zone in Ukraine.

"Everyone is very happy to have this safely out of Iraq," said

a senior U.S. official who outlined the nearly three-month operation to The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

While yellowcake alone is not considered potent enough for a so-called "dirty bomb"—a conventional explosive that disperses radioactive material—it could stir widespread panic if incorporated in a blast. Yellowcake also can be enriched for use in reactors and, at higher levels, nuclear weapons using sophisticated equipment.

Nigeria's 1st oil well still source of woe

OIL WELL NO. 1, Nigeria (AP)—Three decades after pumping its last drop, the first oil well in Nigeria is marked by a decrepit signboard bearing what would seem an uncontroversial

statement:

Oloibiri Well No. 1, drilled June 1956, 12,008 feet.

But this well, furred with rust, is at the center of an increasingly vitriolic feud between two villages over who

owns the land beneath it. The conflict is fed by hopes that soaring prices will tempt big business to squeeze more oil from the well and give a pittance to the village that owns the land.



NAKED PROTEST

Farmers of the "400 Pueblos" organization demonstrate wearing just a photo of Mexican Senator Dante Delgado Ranauro, who is also a former Veracruz state governor, that reads in Spanish "Corrupt and Oppressive" in Mexico City, Friday, July 4, 2008. The farmers have repeatedly staged these half-naked protests to demand that land be returned to them after it was allegedly seized by the former ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, between 1992 and 1998.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iran indicates it has no plans to halt enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran indicated Saturday that it has no plans to meet a key Western demand that it stop enriching uranium, a day after Tehran sent the European Union a response to an international offer of incentives for halting enrichment. The content of that response has not been made public and there was caution about the prospects of progress. "It was not something that made us jump up and down for joy," said one European official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was confidential. "We are in a holding mode until we get a chance to

look at it more closely." White House press secretary Dana Perino told reporters traveling with President Bush en route to a G-8 summit in Japan that the U.S. administration was still evaluating Iran's response.

Colombia's Uribe rides high after rescue

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—President Alvaro Uribe was master of ceremonies the night Colombian military intelligence agents disguised as humanitarian workers airlifted Ingrid Betancourt and 14 other hostages to freedom. Elated former captives of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia sat to his right at the news con-

ference. Uribe's top generals lined his left. The nation—and much of the world—watched, enthralled. The stunning success of Wednesday's bloodless, U.S.-assisted mission has recharged speculation about a third term for Uribe, who has consistently scored higher than 70 percent in public approval surveys. A poll by the Napoleon Franco organization for Bogota's *El Espectador* newspaper the day before the rescue showed Uribe with a 73 percent approval rating. When the company recontacted those surveyed on Thursday, Uribe's approval had risen to 91 percent. The poll surveyed 1,200 people in 11 Colombian cities.

ASIAN BRIEFS

19 Tamil rebels, 1 soldier killed in clashes

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Nineteen Tamil Tiger rebels and a Sri Lankan soldier were killed in a new round of fighting in the island's restive north, the military said Sunday. Battles broke out Saturday on the northern front lines of the Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar and Welioya regions as soldiers tried to push into the rebel stronghold, a military official said. The worst clashes were reported in several villages of Vavuniya district where 12 rebels were killed, the official said on condition of anonymity, in line with government rules. Three rebels were killed in Mannar and four rebels and a soldier were killed in Welioya, the official said.

Malaysian police on manhunt for investigator

KUALALUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian police launched an international manhunt Sunday for a private detective who went missing after retracting a claim suggesting links between the deputy prime minister and a slain Mongolian woman. Balasubramaniam Perumal is believed to have gone into hiding, or is being hidden by unidentified parties, Malaysian Criminal Investigation Department director Bakri Zinin told reporters. Balasubramaniam dropped a political bombshell on Thursday by stating in a sworn declaration that he was told Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak had sex with Altantuya Shaariibu, a 28-year-old Mongolian translator who was shot and killed Oct. 19, 2006. Shaariibu's body was blown up with

Health & Fitness

Want to burn calories? Go for a run

By **HOWARD SCHNEIDER**
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This week we will discuss whether there are things you can do to spend more time sitting on your ashcan. That is not the word the late George Carlin would have used.

Why bring this up?

Because the fitness, diet and food industries barrage us with claims about methods or products or substances that "boost metabolism" and thus cause the body to use more calories even at rest. Don't count on it.

To a certain degree, we are what we are. Sure, you can improve the shape and composition of your body with diet and exercise. As you become more fit, you function more efficiently and become able to do more. Your muscles store more fuel and become stronger, your circulatory system gets better at processing oxygen, your resting heart rate and blood pressure might drop, and you can tap different energy systems and sources more effectively.

But the pace and extent of those changes—the underlying way in which our bodies react and adapt to stress—is pretty tightly circumscribed. We all know people who seem to eat



For the modest exerciser, it is estimated that a three-mile jog that consumes 300 calories might produce 30 calories or so of afterburn.

and drink what they want without gaining an ounce, or who seem to easily add muscle or shave time off of their 10K pace; others of us need to work a lot harder to keep things in balance or make progress.

For those in the great mass called "average," it also seems the case that when the activity stops, some of the more widely advertised benefits taper pretty quickly as well.

Although there are plenty of good reasons to lift weights or do other resistance training (think walk vs. walker), the "transform your metabolism" pitch may be a bit oversold, particularly given the dif-

ficulty of adding those extra pounds of muscle.

Strength training is great for the body and great for long-term health. But "can we say that every additional pound of muscle burns X amount of calories? It is very hard to separate it," said J.C. Santana, director of the Institute of Human Performance, a training and research facility in Boca Raton, Fla.

Likewise, there is "afterburn," a concept tossed around casually in gyms and by trainers with the idea that your lunch-hour workout will still be consuming calories during your two-hour commute that evening.

"Excess post-exercise oxy-

gen consumption"—the formal term of art—may indeed earn you more calories after leaving the gym, but the benefit is proportionate to the work done. Afterburn occurs when the body accumulates an oxygen deficit during activity {ndash} and that means working beyond the ability of your lungs to keep up. Oxygen deficit is the norm at the start of a workout, until the body is warmed up, but sustaining it over time is hard.

For the modest exerciser, Plowman and Smith estimate that a three-mile jog that consumes 300 calories might produce 30 calories or so of afterburn.

Diet, as might be expected, influences metabolism, but not in the way that the magic supplement or herb pitchmen might lead you to believe. Although some foods (certain spices, caffeinated beverages) do appear to tweak your system, the effect is modest. You can't counteract a Big Mac with a thermos of green tea.

But the energy used to digest food is substantial, accounting for perhaps 10 percent of a person's daily calorie expenditure. What you eat can push that either higher or lower.

Dense, whole grains and vegetables have a higher "thermic effect": They take more

calories to digest, along with providing nutrition. Sugary, refined foods, by contrast, carry a triple whammy: They're high in calories, typically low in nutrition and broken down with little effort.

No doubt all of these small contributions add up to a metabolic plus: a few extra calories from muscle, a few from the afterburn, a few from digesting a big bowl of broccoli. But don't count on this alone to turn your body into a high-octane furnace.

There really is no free lunch. Which lets us end where we began: The only sure bet is to get off your ... well, you know.

FROM START TO FITNESS

Taking the struggle out of exercise

By **ANDREA RENEE WYATT,**
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Q: Recently I consulted a doctor about having surgery to help me lose weight. I need to lose 100 pounds total, and my physician has agreed to do the surgery, but ONLY if I begin changing my lifestyle to incorporate better nutrition and exercise. I really want to have the surgery to lose weight, but exercise has always been a struggle for me. I don't know where or how to begin. Help!

A: Starting an exercise program can be a challenge. What to do, where to start and how to continue are some of the questions asked by people beginning an exercise routine. Let's begin by taking one question at a time to help get you started.

What to do?

Oftentimes, this is the reason many people start and then quickly end their exercise regime. One way to answer this question is to ask, "What do I like to do?" If you can find a physical activity that you enjoy, or can tolerate doing, this is a great place to start. You might not mind walking, swimming, riding a bicycle or even play-

ing tennis or shooting baskets. This can get you moving, and as you begin to move more and more, it may open you up to doing more exercise.

If you begin an exercise program with activities you don't enjoy or even despise, you may be able to grit your teeth and get through your workouts for a while, but you'll soon lose interest and motivation. Find something you enjoy, and get moving.

Where to start?

Now that we have started to think about "what" we are going to do, it's time to figure out how to begin. Start slow, but develop a schedule that can keep you on task. If you wait for the time to magically appear for you to exercise, that time may never come. With hectic schedules and other priorities, scheduling time to exercise is imperative. Once you have scheduled the time, start with a few minutes of exercise and build on it. You might only be able to walk a few blocks your first couple of weeks, but as you become more conditioned and your body begins to adjust to your moving, you'll find it easier to walk farther and farther. Start slow and continue to progress.

How do I stay motivated?

This has to be the hard-

est question of all. There are some people who truly do not like to exercise. If this is your situation, I would suggest understanding the importance of exercise first and why it is so important to your body. To stay motivated, solicit the help of friends or workout buddies.

Develop a support system of people in your life who will not only verbally encourage you, but be willing to come by your house and pick you up when you are having a tough time getting yourself to exercise. Hiring a certified personal trainer is another great option. Making a standing appointment with a personal trainer can help you create a system of accountability and also maximize your time while completing an exercise program designed personally for your goals.

Exercise can be a challenge, but the benefits are worth every bead of sweat.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, write to Andrea in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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DC 08-372	Mallari, Loida A.	4JC Corporation	July 17, 2008	3:00 p.m.
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Life & Style

Flab fixers make skinny look a cinch



LOS ANGELES TIMES.

Yummie Tummie Freedom T, \$72, left to right; Spanx Slim Cognito, \$74; Instant Shape by Dr. Robert Rey Convertible Strap Corset, \$60; Shape fx Secret Sculptor Cami, \$29; Assets by Sara Blakely, \$20 to \$22.

By ERIN WEINGER
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Welcome back, summer. It's time to show off some skin in tiny tank tops and spaghetti-strap slip dresses.

But summer skimpies are a flabby winter figure's worst nightmare. And that means body shapers to the rescue. Full-body slimming suits—miraculous under jeans or a slinky skirt—feel hot and binding when the temperature rises. Luckily, a slew of new sleeveless shaping tops promises to minimize, tighten and lift torsos, love handles, breasts and backs—no crunches or lipo required.

I strapped myself into five modern-day corsets to see which could best mold floppy flesh into a beach body. Two actually created new bulges and left stomach rolls. But the best created a washboard-flat stomach and, more important, enough confidence to last through Labor Day.

■ **Yummie Tummie Freedom T**
\$72
Yummietummie.com
☆☆☆

Visibility: This seamless cotton tank top has a shiny spandex midsection so it looks funny worn alone. But it can protect against embarrassment if what you're wearing over it rides up and exposes your slimming secret.

Wiggle Room: My morning routine was unhampered by the comfy, breathable tank. I cooked breakfast, tidied the kitchen, checked e-mail and even lounged in bed without giving the Yummie Tummie a second thought.

Taming the Beast: My stomach was somewhat compressed but the pesky belly was left. The built-in shelf bra lifted and supported very well.

Final Verdict: Not quite the body-shaping miracle touted on "Oprah," but the most comfort-

able style tested.

■ **Spanx Slim Cognito**
\$74
Spanx.com
☆☆

Visibility: The extra-wide, adjustable straps kept peeking out of the tank I wore to work—which wouldn't be the worst thing if the fleshy color didn't remind me of grandma's girdle. The bottom also crept up considerably on a 30-second walk from restroom to desk, creating a massive hip and back bulge. Ick.

Wiggle Room: I nearly poked an eye out trying to contort into the terribly tight top. Once on, it felt more like a medical compression device than an aesthetic tummy trimmer.

Taming the Beast: I was so uncomfortable, I thought it had to be doing something. And it was. Rolling up, it created pooches of hip and back fat.

Final Verdict: Many successful outfits are owed to Spanx's beloved body-shaping shorts. But Spanx misses the mark in upper-body sculpting.

■ **Instant Shape by Dr.**

■ **Robert Rey Convertible Strap Corset**
\$60
Drreyshapewear.com
☆☆☆☆

Visibility: Removable bra straps made this heavy-duty shaper a cinch to wear underneath a black cotton tank top. Vertical support spines cemented the top firmly in place and kept it from riding up after an hour of sitting. Unlike other corsets, these spines curved when I sat but bounced back into their original shape as soon as I bounced up for lunch. The plain black style is sexy and doesn't look like a standard body shaper. Perfect under an open blazer or, for the daring, alone as a top.

Wiggle Room: A Playmate-style padded bra and three rows of hook-and-eye closures make this style appear foreboding. But don't judge a corset by its cover. Despite its heavy structure, the shaper is surprisingly comfortable and easy to get on and off.

Taming the Beast: A dramatic transformation. Dr. Rey's corset trimmed my waist, banished back fat and created an

hourglass silhouette under an otherwise frumpy cotton top.

Final Verdict: The plastic surgeon-turned-E! reality show star knows a thing or two about reworking bodies. Dr. Rey's shaper lived up to its tag line and really did provide instant shape. For a mere \$60, it's the winner, by a belly flop.

■ **Shape fx Secret Sculptor Cami**
\$29
Spiegel.com
☆☆

Visibility: It wasn't a sin when this camisole's adjustable bra straps peeked out of a shirt. A worse offense came when the seamless bodice—yep, you guessed it—rolled up and left a lumpy-looking gut.

Wiggle Room: Tight without being unbearable.

Taming the Beast: I felt cinched in, but couldn't actually see a difference in the love levers above the hips.

Final Verdict: The built-in lace underwire bra is pretty but doesn't do much for bigger-than-B-cups. And, uncomfortable though it may be, the bod-

ice doesn't minimize problem areas enough to become a body-shaping staple.

■ **Assets by Sara Blakely Fantastic Firmers Tank**
\$20 to \$22
Loveassets.com
☆☆

Visibility: Smooth as silk, this wide-strap tank didn't pinch problem areas or create extra fat pockets. It doesn't look like a stodgy shaper and can be worn for everyday.

Wiggle Room: I felt at ease in Assets and could have lasted longer than the five hours spent in the tank. But after sitting a bit, the top rolled up and left a ring around the belly.

Taming the Beast: Assets didn't tame much. But the tank did reduce one spot: the bust line.

Final Verdict: It's a fine layering piece but not reliable for any tummy reduction.

Ratings: 5 stars—A must have; 4 stars—A good addition; 3 stars—Take it or leave it; 2 stars—In a pinch; 1 star—Not even if you're desperate.



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Ore. man completes flight of fancy—in lawn chair

By KEITH RIDLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CAMBRIDGE, Idaho (AP)—Using his trusty BB gun to help him return to Earth, a 48-year-old gas station owner flew a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled balloons more than 200 miles across the Oregon desert Saturday, landing in a field in Idaho.

Kent Couch created a sensation in this tiny farming community, where he touched down safely in a pasture after lifting off from Bend, Ore., and was soon greeted by dozens of people who gave him drinks of water, local plumber Mark Hetz said.

"My wife works at the City Market," Hetz said. "She called and said, 'The balloon guy in the lawn chair just flew by the market, and if you look the door

you can see him.

"We go outside to look, and lo and behold, there he is. He's flying by probably 100 to 200 feet off the ground.

"He takes his BB gun and shoots some balloons to lower

himself to the ground. When he hit the ground he released all the little tiny balloons. People were racing down the road with cameras. They were all talking and laughing."

Couch covered about 235



AP

Kent Couch lifts off from his gas station in Bend, Ore., in his lawn chair rigged with more than 150 giant party balloons, Saturday, July 5, 2008.

miles in about nine hours after lifting off at dawn from his gas station riding in a green lawn chair rigged with an array of more than 150 giant party balloons.

Sandi Barton, 58, who has lived her whole life in this town of about 300, said she and her brother-in-law were the first ones to reach Couch and shook his hand.

"Not much happens in Cambridge," she said, adding that about half the town turned out.

"He came right over our pea field," she said. "He was coming down pretty fast."

She said Couch gave some of his balloons to local children.

It began after Couch, clutching a big mug of coffee, kissed his wife and kids goodbye, then patted their shivering Chihuahua, Isabella, on the head.

‘The Fly’ opera is buzz of Paris season

PARIS (AP)—Be afraid, be very afraid: David Cronenberg’s 1986 horror flick, “The Fly,” has undergone a bizarre metamorphosis. It’s now an opera.

The new incarnation, with tenor Placido Domingo conducting a score by Oscar-winning composer Howard Shore (“The Lord of the Rings”), isn’t as gory as the movie. Audiences will be spared close-ups of the title character’s fingernails falling off as he makes the transition from mild-mannered scientist to giant insect.

Still, for an opera, it’s pretty scary—even if there are touches of dark humor. Giggles broke out among those invited to Monday’s dress rehearsal when a mezzo-soprano belted out the film’s catchphrase: “Be afraid. Be very afraid.”

Cronenberg, who is directing the opera, wasn’t sure what effect it would have.

“Someone’s 6-year-old said, after seeing one of our rehearsals, that she thought she would have to sleep with her parents for a while,” he told reporters. “So I guess it’s working.”

The opera will have its world premiere Wednesday at Paris’ Theatre du Chatelet and its U.S. premiere Sept. 7 at the Los Angeles Opera.

Shore, a childhood friend of Cronenberg’s who also wrote the film’s original music, said he started picturing “The Fly” as an opera as soon as the movie was released.

He said he sampled only two themes



In this photo released by the Chatelet theater on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, Canada’s Daniel Okulitch performs in a scene of The Fly directed by David Cronenberg in Paris, France.

from his 1986 work.

“I love the characters,” Shore said. “I wanted to write for a drama that I was familiar with, and that I had a certain inside view of.”

Reporters pressed Domingo on what attracted him to the story of star-crossed lovers, one of whom learns to regurgitate digestive fluids onto his food like houseflies do.

“Why not?” he said. “I couldn’t resist.”

The libretto by David Henry Hwang (“M. Butterfly”) has all the elements

needed for good opera: a love story, a transformation, tragedy and death, not to mention a large dose of melodrama.

The plot sticks to the same basic lines as the film, which starred Geena Davis and Jeff Goldblum. Reporter Veronica Quaife falls for eccentric scientist Seth Brundle at a reception. He takes her home to see his creation, a machine that can teleport objects from one place to another.

One drunken night, Brundle climbs into the machine. It works perfectly, with a catch: a housefly buzzed into the machine with him.

Overall, the opera has a very different feel. The setting has been changed to 1950s America, which somehow seems more operatic than the 1980s.

As Brundle, bass-baritone Daniel Okulitch has the unenviable task of performing arias in his birth-day suit as he climbs in and out of the teleport machine. (Mezzo-soprano Ruxandra Donose is Quaife.)

The retro set design is evocative of 1950s horror flicks. And there’s something thrilling about the old-school special effects—terrifically gruesome costumes, a singing teleport machine and a giant fly scaling an opera set.

“It is in some ways a translation of the movie to the stage,” Cronenberg said. “But it’s its own creature.”

RECORD RACK

Motley Crue

“Saints of Los Angeles”
Motley Records

The Motley Crue edition of VH1’s “Behind the Music” fairly painted the California band as a group of sexually charged, property-damaging, alcohol-fueled junkies with electric instruments and cosmetics.

A real ratings grabber, it must have helped the Crue to spot a wave to ride back into the popular consciousness, and band members have since published two autobiographies that dug deeper into the group’s decadent and depraved past.

Its new album, “The Saints of Los Angeles,” the first with the original lineup in more than 10 years, continues with those morbidly fascinating personal memoirs, and essentially acts as the Crue’s oral history with accompanying power chords.

Lyrical and musically, the album is not a big departure from the band’s classic sound, with all 13 tracks telling a glam-rock story of tattoos, drugs and strippers.

“Down at the Whisky” outlines the group’s earliest and dirtiest days at the legendary Whisky a Go-Go, and “Welcome to the Machine” (no, it’s not a Pink Floyd cover) offers a cautionary tale of the rock ‘n’ roll lifestyle.

Written in large part by bassist Nikki Sixx and other members of his new band, Sixx:A.M., the album goes a long way toward channeling that much-needed “Dr. Feelgood” sound, which is something that was conspicuously, and unfortunately, absent from the four-some’s previous effort together, the poorly received “Generation Swine.”

Essential download: “Down at the Whisky” (Jack Coraggio/The Hartford Courant)

Vanessa Hudgens


“Identified”
Hollywood

Give “High School Musical” star Vanessa Hudgens credit for confounding critical expectations on her sophomore release—even if it’s just for a single song. “Last Night” sounds like the work of a different artist than the Disney Channel icon; the Scott Jacoby-produced track is a surprisingly mature blues-pop number that inspires an equally gritty vocal performance.

It might have been a great jumping-off point for more surprises, but the remainder of the disc is formulaic teen fare—sometimes charming, as on the discified single “Sneakernight”; occasionally club-happy and tuneless (“Hook It Up”); overall catchy enough to ensure it’ll survive a summer in heavy rotation before being discarded. None of it tries too hard to prove Hudgens’ sophistication—which is to be expected, given the gargantuan presence of “High School Musical 3” on the horizon, and probably wise, following the nude photo flap surrounding Hudgens that has since died down.

As a placeholder for Hudgens’ future career, “Identified” serves its purpose, even if it’s seldom identifiable as her own work. Once she’s free of the “High School Musical” franchise, here’s hoping she picks up where “Last Night” leaves off.

Essential download: “Last Night” (Dan LeRoy/The Hartford Courant)



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**REVOCATION OF ENTRY PERMITS
FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND ORIENTATION**
July 3, 2008 First Notice • July 7, 2008 Second Notice

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetia Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below.

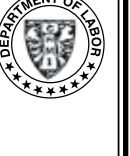
Public Law 15-108, Section 4934, requires each person who enters the Commonwealth for employment after January 1, 2008 to attend an orientation session at the Department of Labor within one week after arrival. Orientation sessions are held every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Labor, 2nd floor, Afetia Square Building, San Antonio. Persons attending are required to sign in and to sign out of the session.

The persons on this list located on Saipan may attend the orientation session on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 or Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in order to fulfill the statutory requirement. The persons on the list located in Rota or Tinian may report to the Resident Director's office to schedule orientation there. The entry permit of any person on the list set out below who has not attended an orientation session may be revoked by the Director of Labor. At the hearings scheduled below, the Director of Labor will seek to revoke the permit of any person who has not attended an orientation session.

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AMORIN, MIGUEL ILAGAN	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
BALOTOC, JERRY MANGAHAS	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
BANAG, FRED LINGAD JR.	TOLEDO, ABIGAIL C.	July 18, 2008	11:00 a.m.
CORTES, CARLOS EGUINA	TINIAN SHIPPING & TRANSPORTATION	July 18, 2008	11:00 a.m.
CORTEZ, RUTH CHICO	OOKA RITA M.	July 18, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DELA CRUZ, JEFFREY ZAFRA	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
GALANG, ROMMEL MORENO	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
GARCIA, JAY-R MORENO	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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GUTIERREZ, JULIO BULURAN	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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NAD, JENNILYN REYES	RONNIE CALVO	July 18, 2008	11:00 a.m.
NATNAT, JOEL SORIANO	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
PERIZON, VINCENT MALIINDA	DELA CRUZ, ROSEMARIE	July 18, 2008	9:00 a.m.
PARK, JWA JI JA	N'S GAME SAIPAN CO., LTD	July 18, 2008	9:00 a.m.
PASCUAL, EUSTAQUIO JR. MENDOZA	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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PIMENTEL, MICHAEL BALLESTEROS	YOU RIM CORP.	July 18, 2008	11:00 a.m.
ROSINE, ROSALINDA LOPEZ	PALACIOS RUBY ROSA	July 18, 2008	11:00 a.m.
TOLATO, CHRISTOPHER TILANO	DCM GROUP INC., CNMI	July 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR RE-HEARING
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Monday, June 30, 2008, first notice
Monday, July 7, 2008, second notice

COMPLAINANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

The Administrative Hearing Office is providing an opportunity for re-hearing in each of these cases so that if anyone missed the published notice in these cases and failed to appear, those persons will have one more opportunity to appear. If the persons listed below fail to appear as provided in this notice, all claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, will be concluded or dismissed by the hearing officer. The Director of Labor has discretion to dismiss or close any agency case.

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06-161-12	Arellano, M. Loreta M.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
06-146-11	Barraquias, Benefredo B.	July 15, 2008	12:00 pm
LC 07-330	Buerano, Razon M.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
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06-111-08	Suba, Moises G.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
06-158-11	Tuan-lam, Siriphorn	July 15, 2008	12:00 pm
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T.I. turns to civil rights icon as mentor

ATLANTA (AP)—When he was growing up, most of T.I.'s male role models were either selling drugs or locked up in jail; he ended up following in both of those paths. Even after T.I. started his rap career and became one of its biggest stars, he didn't abandon a life of crime: He recently pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges and faces almost a year in jail.

So T.I. would be the last person one would expect to be espousing the beliefs of Martin Luther King Jr. and reading the words of Andrew Young, the longtime civil rights leader, King compatriot and former U.N. ambassador.

But these days, T.I. is thinking about social responsibility and leadership, thanks to an unlikely mentor in Young, who reached out to the rapper a few months ago.

"He's bright enough, sensitive enough, vulnerable enough and intellectual enough that he might be able to help the society deal with the problem of violence," said Young, also a former mayor of Atlanta.

It may seem odd that the 76-year-old Young, who marched and stood for non-violence alongside King, would affiliate himself with someone caught purchasing machine guns and silencers.

But Young sees T.I. in a positive manner—especially after they met at Young's home—saying the rapper has the potential to influence this hip-hop driven generation in a similar way King did during the civil rights movement.

"If you put him in jail for 20 years, that won't do any good toward gun violence," Young said. "The judge had the wisdom and courage to give him a chance and force him to think about the process."

T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, was sentenced in March to serve about a year in prison after completing at least 1,000 hours of community service and three years of supervised home detention. He was also given a \$100,000 fine. To avoid a lengthy sentence, he agreed to speak with youth about the pitfalls of guns, gangs and violence.

That's where Young stepped in. He took T.I. to a rehabilitation hospital in New York to meet with people who were paralyzed from gang violence. He's given T.I. books to read, including one written by Young and another on the genocide in Rwanda.

Young hopes to take T.I. on a trip to Africa before he starts his prison sen-



AP
In this June 17, 2008 file photo, rap star T.I. whose real is Clifford Harris talks with children at a day camp in Decatur, Ga.

tence in late March. He already took him to an exclusive birthday party for poet Maya Angelou in May.

"He's a mentor of some sort to me," the 27-year-old T.I. said of Young in a recent interview, shortly after lecturing almost 100 youths about the importance of education and entrepreneurship.

"Thing is, I didn't really expect to be the spokesperson for positive decisions in kids lives," he said. "That's not necessarily what I saw for myself."

It's also not the kind of message he's doled out in his music. Though his lyrics aren't exceptionally violent or profane given rap's often raw standard, his rhymes depict—some would say glorify—life on the street, whether it deals with gunplay or drugs. He would certainly never be called a conscious rapper.

Yet Young sees him doing great works. He welcomed T.I. to his home:

They talked for almost three hours about King not initially wanting to lead the civil rights movement until he finally took ownership of the guiding role.

During their meeting, T.I. said Young compared the rapper to King.

"Once he saw that no one else wanted that responsibility, he was forced into it," said T.I., recalling his conversation with Young about King. "People depended on him and pushed it on him. It wasn't until (Young) said in Montgomery (Ala.) that King accepted the responsibility of being the leader of the civil rights movement. He compared that to my situation."

When asked about the comment, Young neither denied or completely confirmed it.

While Bishop Eddie Long, leader of megachurch New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, doesn't speak of T.I. in King-like terms, he does believe

the rapper—who has given himself the boastful title "King of the South"—has the drive and ability to reach a large mass of people even Long can't reach.

"Here's a man who has a past," the pastor said. "Here's a man who has gotten himself in some trouble because of decisions. Here's a man that commands a great audience of young people, who maybe I may not be the prophet of the day."

"But he is someone who can say things and make people move in a generation we need to touch. So he is very valuable."

From Atlanta to Los Angeles, T.I. has visited community centers, churches and schools, speaking to crowds of about 250 youths. On a short leave from house arrest in March, T.I. delivered a speech on overcoming life's

Philant Johnson was killed and three were injured in a gun shootout following a post-performance party in Cincinnati in 2006. He worried that he could suffer the same fate.

"People would also love to say they, 'Hey, I killed T.I.'" he said. "Let's say if T.I. is out, didn't have any weapons around and I got shot dead in the street. The first thing people are going to say is, 'Why didn't T.I. have something to protect himself?'"

But T.I. has a new train of thought after his arrest.

"No matter how much security you have, how many guns you got, no matter how much money you got, God's will supersedes all of that," T.I. said. "So, instead of walking with guns, I now have to walk with God. I now have to trust in God's will."

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tribulations to almost 30,000 churchgoers for Long's Easter service at the Georgia Dome.

T.I. is used to having an audience of millions. Last summer, his sixth album, "T.I. vs T.I.P.," debuted at No. 1 on the album charts. T.I., who also appeared in the Denzel Washington-Russell Crowe film "American Gangster," was enjoying perhaps the biggest success of his career when he was arrested just blocks away and hours before he was to headline the BET Hip-Hop Awards last October.

Federal officials said he was trying to pick up machine guns and silencers his then-bodyguard bought for him.

His actions beg the question: Why T.I. would jeopardize his rising stardom?

Fear, according to T.I. His best friend

He's currently on a 14-city concert tour to promote his upcoming album, "Paper Trail," which is expected to be released in September. Even though his first single "No Matter What" has no curse words, he says it doesn't mean that the album will be profanity-free. And he won't promise that violence or drugs won't be mentioned in his lyrics.

But now, he plans to use those topics not to glorify, but to advise others about the consequences. He's trying to not disappoint the many who believe in him—like Young.

"I don't want to disgrace nobody who supported me who believed I pushed pass this situation," T.I. said. "I won't disgrace their good faith with another absolutely unnecessary situation."

Poe Cottage in NYC park to undergo renovation

NEW YORK (AP)—It was many and many a year ago in a cottage in the Bronx where Edgar Allan Poe lived his last years and wrote some of his classic pieces.

Long a tourist attraction, the small five-room building will soon give visitors an even better sense of Poe's final years with a planned renovation and the construction of a visitor center.

"This is going to be the first complete restoration," said Abigail Lootens, director of communications for the Historic House Trust.

Work is expected to start in the spring and last a year. The cottage will be closed to the public during the work. The restoration will cost about \$250,000.

Poe and his wife moved to the cottage, which at that time was far from the hustle and bustle of the city, in hopes that life there would help with her tuberculosis. It didn't—she died there in 1847.

Poe, who had already become known for "The Raven," wrote some of his other classic works there, like "Annabel Lee"—"It was many and many a year ago, in a kingdom by the sea

..."—and "The Bells."

He stayed there after his wife's death, but died on a trip to Baltimore in 1849.

Poe Cottage, managed by the Bronx Historical Society, was moved to its current site in 1913, just across the street from its original spot.

The cottage draws thousands of people every year. "People were drawn to the house because Poe was such a draw for people," she said.

Construction already is under way on a visitor center, and that \$4.2 million project is expected to be completed in a year.

The center has been designed to evoke Poe's poem "The Raven," said Parks Department Commissioner Adrian Benepe. The roof is in an upraised V shape and gray shingles will be used on the outside walls, the effect meant to make the viewer think of the bird.

Benepe calls the historic homes "touchstones to the past."

"They're living passports to the past that allow visitors, particularly schoolchildren, to step back," he said.



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This artist's rendering provided by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation shows the planned visitors center for the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage in the Bronx.

TV's 'The Bachelor' weds in Calif.

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. (AP)—“The Bachelor” is a bachelor no more. Andrew Firestone, star of the ABC-TV reality show, married Serbian model and actress Ivana Bozilovic Saturday, Firestone’s publicist Alisha Mahon told The Associated Press.

“We’re so happy right now, we can hardly stand it,” the couple said in a statement to Usmagazine.com, which first reported the nuptials.

Firestone and Bozilovic wed at St. Mark’s in the Valley Episcopal Church in Los Olivos, the central coast town where Firestone’s family winery is based.

Firestone’s 2003 proposal to Jen Schefft on the third season of “The Bachelor” was watched by millions and led to months of tabloid chatter afterward until the couple’s breakup.

His engagement to Bozilovic was announced in October.

Motley Crue hits the chart

By RANDY LEWIS
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Literature rarely provides fodder for chart-topping pop music, but leave it to Motley Crue to be the exception to yet another rule. The notorious metal band’s latest album, “Saints of Los Angeles,” drew its inspiration from “The Dirt,” the bestselling memoir recounting the band members’ escapades with sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll. “Saints” is the highest-debating album on this week’s national sales chart, posting first-week sales of 99,000 copies.

It’s the quartet’s first album of new material in nearly a decade with the original lineup: Tommy Lee, Nikki Sixx, Vince Neil and Mick Mars. Not that the celebrated infighting has vanished. Sixx recently told an interviewer that the album’s song “White Trash Circus” is “about being on the road and not being able to stand each other.”

They have been able to coexist peacefully enough to make release-week promotional appearances on CBS’ “The Late Show With David Letterman” and Fox News’ “On the Record With Greta Van Susteren.”

“Saints of Los Angeles” entered the chart at No. 4, behind a top three that remained unchanged from last week. Coldplay’s “Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends” hangs in at No. 1, with second-week sales of 249,000 copies, bringing its two-week total just shy of 1 million. Lil Wayne’s “Tha Carter III” stayed at No. 2, adding an additional 209,000 copies to its tally, while Disney’s “Camp Rock” soundtrack once again is No. 3, after selling 169,000 copies.



AP
In this May 26, 2007 file photo, the star of the ABC-TV reality show “The Bachelor”, Andrew Firestone, left, and Ivana Bozilovic pose for photos at the 10th annual Tiger Jam at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

‘Love Connection’ producer Eric Lieber dies at 71

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eric Lieber, whose television production credits include the long-running dating show “Love Connection,” has died. He was 71.

Lieber died Wednesday of leukemia at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said his wife, Peggy.

Lieber created “Love Connection” in 1983 after decades producing other game shows, as well as the talk shows of Dick Cavett, Sammy Davis Jr. and Mike Douglas.

“Love Connection,” hosted by Chuck Woolery, aired until 1995. Lieber also was executive producer of the 1998-1999 reprise of the series, hosted by Pat Bullard.

On the program, contestants watched videos of three prospective blind dates, chose one to go out with and returned to the show to talk about the experience.

Lieber attributed the show’s success to the real-life drama audiences got to observe.

“The show succeeds because we believe in honest emotions,” he told the Chicago Sun-Times in 1992. “And, admit it: We’re all a little voyeuristic and enjoy peeking into someone else’s life.”

Gospel singer Wright hurt in car mishap

LOGANTON, Pa. (AP)—Gospel singer Timothy Wright was critically injured in a crash in central Pennsylvania that killed his wife and a wrong-way driver who hit their vehicle, police said.

Wright, 61, was injured Friday night along with his 14-year-old grandson, D.J. Wright, and both were taken to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, according to a hospital spokesman.

Betty Wright, 58, of Roosevelt, N.Y., died in the three-vehicle crash on Interstate 80 in Greene Township, state police said.

The driver of the wrong-way car, John Pick, 44, of Lewisburg, also died, police said.

Timothy Wright has released more than a dozen gospel recordings, and his latest album, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,” came out last year. He is the pastor at Grace Tabernacle Christian Center in New York City.

The Wrights were returning from a Church of God in Christ conference in Detroit, said Leroy Johnson, a trustee at Grace Tabernacle.

The couple have five sons, and the family asked that no other information be released, Johnson said Saturday.

A passenger in the third vehicle is in fair condition, said Geisinger spokesman Thomas Schaeffer.

‘Crocodile Hunter’ daughter gets own doll

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Emmy-winning daughter of the late “Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin is getting her own doll.

The 10-inch Bindi Irwin doll sports khakis, puffy pigtails and hiking boots, and comes with binoculars, a camera and other outback gear, as well as a cockatoo, wombat and python.

A talking version of the Bindi doll uses such phrases as, “Crikey! Let’s go help wildlife,” and “You can make the world a better place.”

The rubber dolls will cost \$15 to \$20, with a portion going to help fund efforts to breed endangered species and rescue animals. They are expected to be in stores in September.

Wild Republic, a division of K&M International Inc., based in Twinsburg, Ohio, is developing the doll. The company marketed a Steve Irwin doll several months after the Australian TV show host died in September 2006 from a stingray barb that pierced his chest.

Bindi Irwin’s career began with appearances on her father’s shows and later expanded to live music performances and child-fitness DVDs.

“Bindi the Jungle Girl,” a child-friendly version of her father’s show, began in June 2007 on the Discovery Channel. Bindi, 9, won a Daytime Emmy last month for the show and also a Logie, an Australian TV award, in May for most popular new female talent.

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This photo supplied by Wild Republic Toys shows the new Bindi Irwin doll.



Husband’s road behavior is driving his wife nuts

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: “Robert” and I have been married seven years and have two sons, ages 1 and 3. Something is bothering me that didn’t before—Robert’s driving. My husband speeds, tailgates, honks his horn to make others go faster and uses racial epithets. If I say anything to him, he accuses me of not trusting him or says I’m looking for something to complain about.

I am concerned for our safety and the impact Robert’s behavior has on our sons, not to mention my worry about road rage. If either of our mothers drove with us they would cringe. What can I do?

ROAD BULLY’S WIFE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR WIFE: You are right to be concerned. Your husband is setting a terrible example for the children. His behavior behind the wheel could cause an accident or worse.

Drivers who behave the way he does are often using their vehicles as an outlet to vent anger or frustration about other things than the flow of traffic. Your husband appears to be unhappy about something, and it’s important for both of you to get to the bottom of it before he hurts someone, or someone in your family gets hurt.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, “Ollie,” and I have been married three years, together for almost six. Everything is going well, but his parents are a problem. They pressure us to visit them whenever we have time off. They live on the East Coast and we live in the Southwest, so visiting them is expensive.

Ollie wants to visit them whenever we have time off. I feel once a year is enough. I know he enjoys spending time with his parents, and I hate to have him not go because of me. But I’m beginning to resent my in-laws because I have spent all my vacations with them.

Abby, Ollie and I have never been on a trip by ourselves -- not even a honeymoon. I can’t keep doing this. We have no children yet. How am I supposed to deal with it when we do if I’m having a hard time now? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

STRESSED IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR STRESSED: That you and Ollie have never taken a trip alone is sad. It appears he and his parents are so bonded they are unable to let each other go.

Perhaps a compromise is in order. Divide up your vacation time. Suggest that Ollie visit his parents alone, and use the rest of the vacation time to take a trip together.

If you don’t assert some independence now, by the time grandchildren start arriving, it will be more difficult to establish family traditions of your own.

You can try getting this message across to Ollie, but you may need the help of a family therapist to convince him to see the light. Please consider it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a “teen” who loves to share stories with my mom. When I tell Mom about my crushes and problems with my friends, I always tell her, “Don’t tell Dad, please ...” She says she won’t, but I found out that she tells my father everything. I am really embarrassed. Can I trust her anymore?

LILLI IN THE CITY

DEAR LILLI: Your mother should not have made you a promise and then have broken it. It may have happened because she thought your father had a right to know what was going on with his little girl. That said, there’s something YOU should know: A secret is no longer a secret when more than one person knows it.

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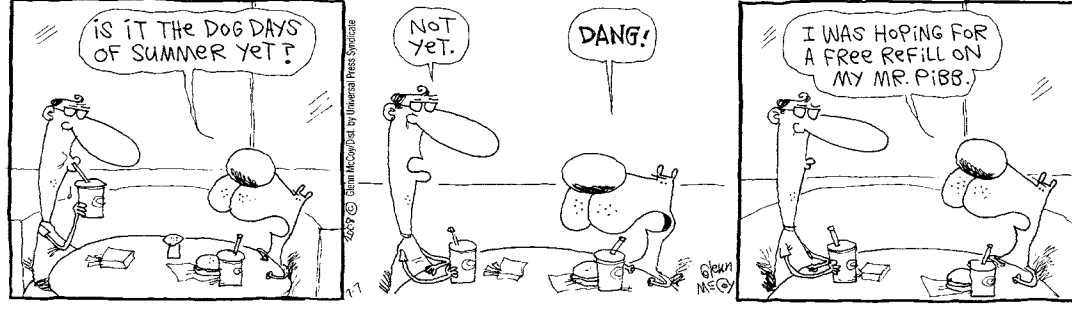
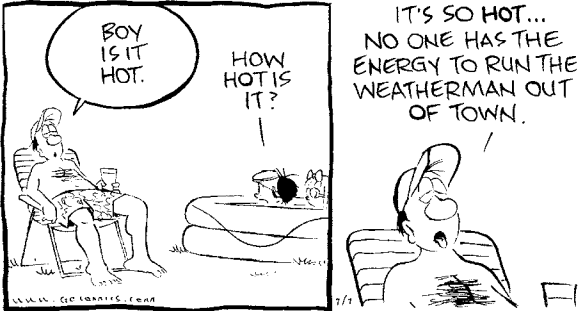


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Saturday's answer 7-7

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Kwan, 28; Cree Summer, 39; Shelley Duvall, 59; Ringo Starr, 68

Happy Birthday: Take a serious approach to life, sorting through the debris that has been dragging you down. You will have a better handle than you realize at convincing others you know what you are doing. Love should be highlighted and efforts to make your personal life picture perfect should be put into play. Your numbers are 3, 12, 16, 25, 38, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a position and stay with it when dealing with colleagues or presenting something you want to do. You will get the support you need if you are persistent and confident. Tread carefully with the ones you love. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Set things up, make plans and refuse to take no for an answer. Network with colleagues or get together with people who inspire you. Love is in the stars and partnerships of all kinds will be worthwhile. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Weakness on your part will give someone who is opposing you the edge. Erratic behavior will be your demise but, with ingenuity, calm and an unexpected approach, there will be less to contend with. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Surround yourself with the people you love most. Seniors or experienced individuals will help you realize what possibilities are available to you. It's not the time to be erratic. Don't be afraid

to make a well-thought-out change. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let anyone know what you are up to. The element of surprise will give you the edge. A change of location will keep you out of trouble and help you discover something new. An opportunity to make some extra cash is apparent. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It will be what you do, not what you say that will count. Entertain someone you are trying to impress but let him or her do the talking. Your emotions will be close to the surface. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't ruffle feathers or push someone who is likely to push back. Low-key is your best bet. Don't give in to a bully trying to threaten your personal or professional position. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is a lot more going on around you than you realize. Talk to people and find out what they really expect of you. Once you are on the same page, it will be a breeze to get things done and tie up loose ends. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Change may be forced upon you with regard to your living conditions. An investment will prove to pay off but don't brag about it or someone will try to take advantage of your generous nature. Focus on improving your surroundings, lifestyle and relationships. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Practical applications to what you have mastered will take what you do over the top. A relationship must undergo change, depending on

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how you feel about the contributions this person has made. Make up your mind and take action. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you have to do and what you want to do will conflict. Consider trying to combine the two by including both friends and colleagues in your plans. A little friendly push on your part will help others align themselves with you. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do what you say, follow through with your promises and you will end up in charge. A love connection will prove to be good for you in several ways. Partnerships can be formed and an understanding can be developed. ***

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By Dave Green

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Alejandro Valverde wins 1st Tour de France stage



PLUMELEC, France (AP)—Alejandro Valverde is determined to contend for the Tour de

France title. And the Tour de France is determined to run a clean race.

The Spaniard won the opening stage in a final sprint Saturday as cycling's three-week showcase took a first step in trying to get beyond the doping scandals that for years have battered the race and the entire sport.

"I've achieved two of my objectives: to win a stage and to wear the yellow jersey," Valverde said. "That's done today. ... It gives me peace of mind for the rest of the race."

Valverde, fresh off winning last month's Dauphine Libere and the Spanish championship, broke away from the pack at the end of the 123-mile leg from Brest to Plumelec.

"Valverde is just so good, that's a perfect finish for him today," said Britain's David Millar of the U.S. team Garmin Chipotle. "It was good to see him take control of the race and show he's a proper champion."

On a windy day marked by four crashes, Valverde was followed by Philippe Gilbert of Belgium and Jerome Pineau of France. The top U.S. rider was Christian Vandeveld in 18th place.

"It was a bit too windy. It was hectic. It was a really nerve-racking, dangerous day," said George Hincapie, the Team Columbia rider who was on Lance Armstrong's team during each of his record seven Tour victories.

The race covers more than 2,175 miles and ends in Paris on July 27, with Valverde among the favorites. He holds a razor-thin lead over other expected contenders: Australia's Cadel Evans and Luxembourg's Frank Schleck are one second back. Russia's Denis Menchov and Spain's Carlos Sastre are seven seconds behind.

"OK, Valverde won the stage, but for us it is no problem," said Herman Frison, sporting director for Evans' Silence-Lotto team.

Valverde, who rides for the Caisse d'Epargne, finished in 4 hours, 36 minutes, 7 seconds. His victory gives him a boost before the first big challenge—the Stage 4 individual time trial in which he



Riders climb Gervase Pass as cycling jersey's are seen in the background during the first stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Brest and Plumelec, western France, Saturday July 5, 2008.

could struggle.

This marks the second time Valverde has won a stage of this race. That came in his Tour debut in 2005, when he beat Armstrong in a breakaway in the Alps.

Like many cycling stars before him, Valverde isn't free from doping's long shadow. Italian authorities are looking into whether he was connected to the Spanish doping investigation known as Operation Puerto. Valverde has denied any involvement.

He declined to comment Saturday when asked at a news conference about his alleged links to Eufemiano Fuentes, the Spanish doctor at the center of the Puerto case.

The questions about doping recalled those put to Denmark's Michael Rasmussen during the 2007 Tour. He was in the lead when he was kicked out of the race for lying about his whereabouts when he missed a pre-race doping check.

The 2007 Tour champion, Alberto Contador, is suspected of involvement in Puerto, and he has also denied any connection. Contador isn't defending his title—his Astana team wasn't invited because of doping scandals the last two years.

This is the second straight year the race has begun without a defending champ. American Floyd Landis was stripped of his 2006 title after testing positive for synthetic testosterone.

The race got off to an unsettling start Saturday, and Valverde said his plan was to avoid the crashes that often occur in the flat, early stages.

One crash took down Juan Mauricio Soler, the Colombian who was the Tour's best climber last year. He got back up, his hip and elbow bloodied and jersey torn, and struggled across the finish line 3:04 behind Valverde. Soler was to have X-rays on his left wrist, the race medical team said.

France's Herve Duclos-Lassalle became the first rider to drop out. His debut Tour ended when he tumbled to the ground and broke his wrist after a rider's refreshment bag got stuck in his front-wheel spokes.

On Sunday, riders cut across Brittany on another mostly flat stage favoring sprinters—a 102-mile route from Auray north to Saint-Brieuc along the English Channel.

Tom Pernice Jr. takes 1-shot lead at AT&T National



BETHESDA, Md. (AP)—Tom Pernice Jr. was easy to ignore Saturday in the AT&T

National until he wound up in the lead.

All he did was make 15 pars on an explosive afternoon of birdies and bogeys at Congressional, and his lone complaint was that he made only two putts longer than his shadow. One was from 4 1/2 feet for par, another from 7 feet for birdie.

But it was that steady hand that gave him a 1-under 69 and a one-shot lead over Steve Stricker, leaving the 48-year-old Pernice optimistic about winning for the first time in seven years.

"It will be interesting to see how it goes tomorrow," Pernice said. "But I'm looking forward to it."

There were plenty of fireworks on a calm, muggy afternoon that led to so many possibilities until Pernice got up-and-down from just short of the 18th green to finish at 10-under 200.

Stricker is worried about where his tee shots are going, but he made his only two

bogeys from the middle of the fairway and made a birdie on the 218-yard 10th hole for the third straight day.

Jeff Overton, the co-leader with Pernice going into the third round, made back-to-back double bogeys by coming up short on the 14th hole and going over the hill on the 15th hole, then answered with consecutive birdies to get back in the game.

"I had it right there in the palm of my hand and just didn't quite squeeze it," said Overton, who shot 71 and was at 202 along with Tommy Armour III (66) and Nick O'Hern (67), the left-handed Aussie best known for beating Tiger Woods twice in match play.

Anthony Kim was entertaining as ever, going six holes without a par in the middle of his round.

One minute, the 23-year-old with enormous talent was firing away at flags and making birdies to get within one shot of the lead. Then came consecutive bogeys, one from a bunker and another from driving into knee-high grass of a hazard, and he disappeared. Kim birdied the last hole with a wedge

that spun back by the cup and shot 69.

He was at 203, along with Tim Herron (65) and Cliff Kresge, who bogeyed the last hole for a 69.

The final round will be played in threesomes Sunday morning because of thunderstorms in the forecast, although the leaderboard makes it a perfect day for fireworks.

"There's a bunch of guys on the leaderboard that are four or five shots back that have a great opportunity," Pernice said. "I've got to go out there and perform better and shoot a good score to win a golf tournament. I can't worry about anything else."

Stricker, the runner-up at Congressional a year ago, was among four players who had at least a share of the lead throughout the third round, but he hit a 7-iron over the 17th green and caught the lip with a 12-foot par putt from the fringe.

"Overall, it's two good, solid rounds that got me into a position with a chance for tomorrow," Stricker said.

Ten players were separated by four shots.

Pernice last won in 2001 at the International, the tournament that the AT&T National replaced on the PGA Tour schedule last year. He has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead each of the last three years without winning, including a 75 in the final round at the Buick Open a year ago. The other two tries were in Memphis in 2007 and Disney in 2006.

It took eight holes for Pernice to make his first birdie, spinning a wedge back 7 feet below the hole. He was solid the rest of the way with everything but the most important club in the bag—his putter—but allowed him the one chance he needed to take the lead because of all the activity around him.

"I gave myself chances," he said. "And going forward, that's what you need to do."

Overton rallied with a birdie on the par-5 16th and, with the wind at his back, a driver over the hill onto the lower level of the 17th fairway that left him a sand wedge that he spun back to 3 feet.

Kim was perhaps the most unpredictable.

He holed a 35-foot birdie putt at No.

6, the toughest hole at Congressional, only to see his tee shot spin back off the green on the seventh for a bogey. He followed with consecutive birdies and was poised to move into the lead until taking a bogey from the bunker on No. 10, then having to get up-and-down for bogey from the thick collar of rough at No. 11 after driving into the hazard.

He made pars from there until a birdie on the final hole.

"I've got some positive things to look forward to," Kim said. "Hopefully, I can keep it up."

Stricker, meanwhile, got to 10 under with a 15-foot birdie on the 15th until missing the 17th green. He didn't see too many similarities with last year, when Stuart Appleby lost the lead and K.J. Choi pulled ahead on the back nine of a course where the high rough made it feel like the 1997 U.S. Open again.

"The course is playing a touch easier than last year, and I think that's reflect in the scores," Stricker said. "There's a lot more guys with the opportunity to win. You're going to have to shoot a good round."

Cardinals rally for three in the ninth to beat Cubs



ST. LOUIS (AP)—
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slapped a two-run, two-out single to right field in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap a three-run rally and lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

The win brought the Cardinals (50-39) to within 2 1/2 games of the first-place Cubs (52-36) in the National League Central.

St. Louis rallied against Chicago closer Kerry Wood (4-2), who blew his fifth save of the season in 27 chances. Ankiel also homered in the sixth, when St. Louis rallied to tie it at 2. St. Louis reliever Kyle McClellan (1-3) picked up his first major league victory in relief.

Chicago infielder Aramis Ramirez broke a 2-2 in the eighth with a two-run homer.

Brewers 2, Pirates 1

At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder singled in Rickie Weeks with one out in the bottom of the ninth to lead Milwaukee past Pittsburgh.

Pirates reliever Tyler Yates (3-2) was in trouble from the start, walking Weeks to lead off the inning. J.J. Hardy's sacrifice bunt ended his 16-game hitting streak but put the winning run in scoring position and Yates intentionally walked Ryan Braun to bring up Fielder.

Astros 6, Braves 1

At Atlanta, Mark Loretta had three doubles and drove in four runs and, with Ty Wigginton batting leadoff for the first time this season and Houston scored four times in the first two innings to beat Atlanta.

Wigginton walked and scored in a two-run second inning against Braves left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes (3-7), helping Houston snap a four-game losing streak.

Even with Lance Berkman going 0-for-4 with a walk, the Astros had more than enough offense to beat the punchless Braves, who managed only four hits and have lost six of seven.

Reds 3, Nationals 2

At Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips singled in Jerry Hairston Jr. from second base in the ninth inning to lift Cincinnati over Washington.

After Jesus Flores' ninth-inning sacrifice fly tied it at 2 and handed Francisco Cordero (4-1) his fourth blown save of the season, Hairston led off the ninth with a single off of Joel Hanrahan (5-3). He stole second, but Jay Bruce struck out and Ken Griffey Jr. was intentionally walked.

Luis Ayala came in to face Phillips, who grounded a single through the hole into left field to score Hairston.

Mets 9, Phillies 4

At Philadelphia, pinch-hitter

Brian Schneider lined a tie-breaking double in the eighth inning and New York rallied against the majors' best bullpen, ending Philadelphia's four-game winning streak.

Schneider's two-run double came with two outs. He was the Mets' third pinch-hitter of the inning as they overcame a 4-3 deficit.

The Mets won despite losing starting pitcher John Maine—a right-hander—because of a cramp in his left forearm.

over the Marlins, the Rockies went deep four more times. Chris Iannetta and Brad Hawpe also connected for Colorado, which has its longest winning streak since last fall's unfathomable 21-1 run-up to the World Series.

Jorge De La Rosa (3-4) scattered six hits and allowed three earned runs over five-plus innings for the Rockies, who placed shortstop Troy Tulowitzki on the DL with a deep cut in his right palm.

ing the first two games of the series to Boston.

Melky Cabrera and Brett Gardner, two of New York's three healthy outfielders, each drove in a run and made a nice play in the field.

Justin Masterson (4-3) hit three batters, threw a wild pitch and walked two, but managed to hold the Yankees in check in his six innings. The rookie right-hander allowed six hits in his first appearance against New York.



St. Louis Cardinals' Rick Ankiel raises his fist as he crosses home plate in front of Chicago Cubs catcher Geovany Soto after hitting a solo home run in the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday, July 5, 2008, in St. Louis.

J.C. Romero (4-2) let two runners reach in the eighth. Tom Gordon threw a wild pitch that scored the tying run, then gave up Schneider's hit. Rudy Seanez gave up three more runs in the ninth.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 2

At Phoenix, Jake Peavy (6-5) threw seven scoreless innings and Scott Hairston homered twice in San Diego's victory over the slumping Arizona.

Adrian Gonzalez also homered for the Padres, who have won two straight after dropping 10 of their previous 11.

Stephen Drew homered for the Diamondbacks, who lost for the fifth time in eight games to fall two games under .500 for the first time this season.

Arizona starter Doug Davis (3-4) was nearly as effective as Peavy, scattering seven hits over a season-high eight innings, but couldn't overcome the two pitches thrown to Hairston.

Rockies 12, Marlins 6

At Denver, Matt Holliday homered and drove in four runs and Joe Koshansky hit his first major league homer as the injury-riddled Colorado beat Florida for its season-best fifth straight win.

One night after hitting six homers in an epic 18-17 win

Giants 5, Dodgers 2

At San Francisco, Randy Winn and Fred Lewis hit two-out RBI singles during San Francisco's four-run rally in the seventh inning and San Francisco kept Los Angeles out of first place in the NL West.

Bengie Molina added a two-run double for the Giants, who tagged the Dodgers' bullpen shortly after starter Park Chan-ho was pulled for a pinch-hitter with a 2-1 lead.

Park and Barry Zito staged an unlikely pitchers' duel over the first six innings. Park threw six innings of three-hit ball while Zito (4-12) struck out 10 in perhaps the best start of his woeful season.

Yankees 2, Red Sox 1

At New York, Mariano Rivera pitched himself in and out of trouble Saturday, escaping a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth inning and preserving a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

After Mike Mussina (11-6) pitched six shutout innings, Rivera took over in the ninth with a 2-0 lead. The Red Sox quickly scored a run and were poised to get more, but Rivera struck out Coco Crisp, got Jason Varitek on a popup and fanned Julio Lugo for his 23rd save.

The Yankees won after los-

Rays 3, Royals 0

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Andy Sonnanstine pitched seven strong innings, Ben Zobrist homered again and Tampa Bay blanked Kansas City for its sixth straight win.

Zobrist homered for the third game in a row and the Rays increased their AL East lead to a season-high four games over second-place Boston. Tampa Bay has won 10 of 11.

Sonnanstine (10-3) won his fourth consecutive decision. He allowed five hits, walked one and struck out two.

Akinori Iwamura put the Rays ahead 2-0 with a two-out, two-run double in the second off Zack Greinke (7-5). Royals center fielder Joey Gathright made a dive and just missed catching the ball.

White Sox 6, Athletics 1

At Chicago, Gavin Floyd pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings to get his 10th victory and Nick Swisher, Brian Anderson and Alexei Ramirez homered in Chicago's win over Oakland.

Oakland had captured the first two games of the four-game series to cool off the White Sox, who'd won seven straight before the A's came to town.

Greg Smith (5-7), who pitched a complete game four-

hitter in his previous start against the Angels, went five-plus innings, allowing five hits and four runs while tying a career high with six walks.

Twins 9, Indians 6

At Minneapolis, Joe Mauer homered, walked three times and scored three runs to help Kevin Slowey and streaking Minnesota rally past Cleveland.

Craig Monroe and Alexi Casilla hit two-run doubles, and the Twins rebounded from the Indians' five-run second inning by scoring five times in the sixth.

Slowey (6-6) settled down, striking out six and allowing five hits in six innings.

Grady Sizemore's three-run homer, his league-leading 22nd, was the lone highlight for last-place Cleveland, which lost its seventh straight amid speculation that ace C.C. Sabathia will be dealt before the trade deadline on July 31.

Rangers 5, Orioles 3

At Baltimore, Ian Kinsler homered, German Duran and Michael Young had three hits apiece, and Texas used a sharp pitching performance by substitute starter Scott Feldman to beat Baltimore.

Moved up in the rotation after Eric Hurley was scratched with a hamstring injury, Feldman (3-3) gave up three runs and five hits in six innings. The right-hander allowed three runs and three hits in the first, then blanked the Orioles on two hits until his departure.

Kinsler, who came into the game with an AL-leading .325 batting average, went 2-for-4 to extend his hitting streak to 17 games. His two-run homer off Lance Cormier (1-3) in the sixth put the Rangers ahead 4-3.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 5

At Anaheim, California, Vernon Wells hit a two-run homer, Alex Rios went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and three stolen bases, and Toronto beat the error-plagued Los Angeles Angels.

Halladay (10-6) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out seven and recorded only three of his outs on flyballs to the outfield. The 2003 AL Cy Young pitching award winner allowed only one runner past first base after giving up a two-run homer to Vladimir Guerrero in the fourth.

Mariners 3, Tigers 2

At Seattle, rookie Jeff Clement homered in his final two at-bats, the second a two-run shot off Detroit reliever Fernando Rodney (0-2) in the eighth inning that lifted Seattle past the Tigers.

Clement was all the offense the Mariners got on a night where all five runs in the game came via the long ball. Miguel Batista (4-10) pitched two innings of relief for the win, and Brandon Morrow worked the ninth for his seventh save.

Carlos Guillen and Miguel Cabrera provided the offense for Detroit, each hitting solo homers off Seattle starter R.A. Dickey.

Report: Duhon agrees to deal with Knicks



Chris Duhon verbally agreed to a deal with the New York Knicks on Friday, the point guard and his agent told The Sporting News.

"I am just excited, I am ready to get to work for the Knicks," said Duhon, the former Duke player who averaged 6.9 points and 4.5 assists in four seasons for Chicago. "It's a big stage, playing in New York. It's something every player in the NBA wants."

Duhon's agent, Kevin Bradbury, told The Sporting News that he couldn't comment on terms of the deal, but the magazine cited an unidentified source in its Web site report as saying Duhon will get a two-year deal starting at the full mid-level exception. The mid-level exception will be announced July 9, when contracts can officially be signed.

"Chris could have shopped himself around more, but in the end, he wanted a fit where he felt comfortable and he knew what kind of opportunity he would be getting," Bradbury said. "He wasn't worried about trying to find more money on the market or anything like that. He wanted the right situation, and this just felt like the right situation." (AP)

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IN RE THE ESTATE OF) CIVIL ACTION
PABLO LAGUADIA SOLOMON and) NO. 08-0240
BRIGIDA BAMBALAN SOLOMON,)
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) HEARING

TO: INTERESTED CLAIMANTS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that MARIA S. MONTON, of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Pablo Laguadia Solomon and Brigida Bambalan Solomon, deceased, and to determine the heirs of the decedent. The Attorney of record is Danilo T. Aguilar, Esq., P.O. Box 505301, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on the petition is set for July 29, 2008, at the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1:30 pm. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having any claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2008.

Bernadita A. Sablan
/s/ Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

WIMBLEDON

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end of the day.”

Said their mother and coach, Oracene Price: “Well, you know, she’s going to have to learn how to suck things up. Say, ‘OK, I’m not going to win everything.’”

About 3 1/2 hours after the singles final ended, Price’s daughters returned to the same court, except now they were playing on the same side of the net, and they beat Lisa Raymond and Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-2 to win the women’s doubles title.

A day that began with a meal together at the nearby house they’re sharing, ended with the sisters’ seventh Grand Slam doubles championship—and a total family payday of more than \$2.5 million.

Saturday’s earlier encounter was the seventh all-Williams Grand Slam singles final; only one other pair of sisters faced off in a major tournament title match, and that was all the way

back at the very first Wimbledon, in 1884.

Williams vs. Williams finals became routine for a bit, when they met in six of eight Grand Slam title matches from the U.S. Open in 2001 through Wimbledon in 2003. Serena went 5-1 in those, including beating Venus at the All England Club in 2002 and 2003.

But big sister got some pay-back Saturday.

“I didn’t want the same trend to keep happening,” Venus said. “So I climbed a tiny little notch up. It’s 2-5. Still behind, but I’m working on it.”

Venus is 28 and Serena 26, and both have been ranked No. 1. But injuries slowed both, and that 2003 Wimbledon final was the last time they met to decide a championship.

Things were still a tad awkward after all these years—for the sisters themselves, of course, but also for the 15,000 or so fans, who couldn’t seem to get into picking someone to support, leading to a subdued atmosphere;

for chair umpire Carlos Ramos, who occasionally forgot to add the necessary first name when announcing, “Advantage, Miss Williams”; and, perhaps most of all, for the relatives sitting in the players’ guest box.

When Venus capped a run in which she claimed five of six games to erase an early 4-2 hole and take the first set, for example, Price simply stayed put, her face expressionless, her hands in her lap.

You’ve just seen one of your daughters win the first set of the Wimbledon final, and you don’t jump and applaud? Well, not if you’ve also just seen one of your daughters lose the first set of the Wimbledon final.

“That was a difficult one to watch,” Price said. “You feel happy that the one won it, but you feel so bad because there has to be a loser, too.”

Venus entered the tournament in the midst of an uneven season, with a 14-7 record and without so much as one title of any sort. As long has been the

case, however, the grass brought out her best, and she didn’t drop a set all fortnight—not even against the woman she considers her toughest foe.

“I have the ultimate respect for her game and I have a lot of respect for her serve,” said Venus, who also won Wimbledon in 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2007. “If I was playing anyone else, I wouldn’t have to face what I had to face today.”

The same could be said by Serena.

No other top woman consistently serves as powerfully as the sisters do, and Venus broke her Wimbledon record with a 129 mph delivery Saturday. Repeatedly, precisely the way she’s done all tournament, Venus pounded serves directly at Serena’s body.

“I’m glad she did it,” Serena said, “because next time, I know what to expect.”

No other top woman consistently pounds groundstrokes the way the sisters do, either, and they produced fantastic points,

points or more in the loss.

First Game

Advance X-Terminators 108 – Lim 33, Estolas 21, Fitial 19, Ruloked 10, Dayrit 6, Barrios 4, Gamboa 3.

Tasi Tours Giants 90 – Peredo 23, Ranola 21, Basila 13, Cosino 11, Factor 9, Joyner 7, Talania 6.

Scoring by quarters: 25-19, 52-43, 80-63, 108-90.

Referees: Arnold Mesa and Gilbert Espinosa.

Second Game

GEC Pawnshop 102 – Cacho 28, Ranola 21, Casabuena 19, Palero 13, Villafuerte 9, Olivos 6, Viola 4, Buenabajo 2.

Bank of Saipan 83 – Palma 17, Ebuena 16, Darag 11, Abuy 11, Gatdula 11, Ocampo 8, Moreno 4, Tiples 2, Villegas 1.

Scoring by quarters: 25-10, 53-40, 77-54, 102-83.

Referees: Gilbert Espinosa and Boy Garcia.

and Tim Natua (Kiribati).

Sapong said aside from competing in the 2008 Oceania Grand Prix and 2008 Oceania Championships, Iguel also played for the CNMI Big League All-Stars in the 2008 Asia-Pacific Regional Little League Tournament.

The team won the championship of the division after beating the Philippines, 8-7, last Thursday night at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

get drawn and do battle in the octagon cage with extremely oversized boxing gloves for a chance to win prizes.

According to Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez, the first 100 MMA enthusiasts to come to Trench Tech’s Fan Appreciation Fight Night will be let in free of charge, the next 100 fans will pay \$1, and the next 100 fans after will pay \$2 and so on.

Doors open for Trench Tech’s Fan Appreciation Fight Night at exactly 5pm.

ADVANCE

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increase their lead to nine, 52-43, at the half.

While the first two quarters were essentially an Estolas-Lim show, the rest of the Advance X-Terminators squad showed up in the third as six different players ripped the net as the lead ballooned to 17 points, 80-63, entering the fourth and final quarter.

Tasi Tours tried several comebacks in the payoff period—led by the nine points of Ehroll Peredo and Banjo Basila’s two triples—but Advance X-Terminators had no plans to yield the upset.

Lim and center Kelvin Fitial combined for 16 fourth quarter points to frustrate the Giants’ repeated rallies as Advance X-Terminators cruised to the 18-point winning margin.

Lim led all scorers with 33 points, while Estolas and Fitial

punched in 21 and 19 markers for good measure.

Peredo led Tasi Tours’ losing cause with 21, while Sonny Ranola added 21, 13 of which he scored in the opening quarter.

Advance X-Terminators now await the winner of the Ol’Aces and GEC Pawnshop match, which was played last night but results were still not available as of press time.

In the second game, GEC Pawnshop followed the first game script when they took an early lead against Bank of Saipan and held it until the end for a 102-83 triumph.

After seeing action in the first game, Ranola was still surprisingly fresh in the 40-and-over game in the second, as he tossed in 13 first-quarter points to lead GEC Pawnshop to an early 25-10 spread.

The game continued to favor GEC Pawnshop as Molly Cacho took over the scoring cudgels from Ranola, pumping in 14 in

the second to help his team take a baker’s dozen lead, 53-40, at intermission.

It would go from bad to worse for Bank of Saipan at the start of the second period, as bull-strong center Larry Palero toyed with their frontcourt players muscling his way for 11 points.

And with forward Amor Casabuena adding seven more, GEC Pawnshop was able to open up a 77-54 advantage heading into the final frame.

Cacho then capped GEC Pawnshop’s win by torturing his defenders with 10 more points in the fourth, which turned out to be a mere victory lap for the team

Cacho led all scorers with 28 markers and got ample support from Ranola (21 points), Casabuena (19), and Palero (13).

Come-backing Ed Palma paced Bank of Saipan with 17 points, Sonny Ebuena, Rey Darag, James Abuy, and Joseph Gatdula also chipped in 11

18-and-under athletes from Guam, Palau, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, and Fiji.

Other up-and-coming athletes from Oceania bound for Bydgoszcz, Poland include Douglas Schmidt (Palau), Isoa Me (Fiji), Kenneth Karosich (Guam), Pasik Tanupo (Tonga), Danny O’Hara (Norfolk Island), Pana Thoma (Nauru), Shirley Vunatut (PNG), Satupi Tasale (Samoa),

Two grappling and submission matches will also be held with Nick “2Quick” Shoemaker going up against a still unknown opponent in the 165-lb. weight class.

The other grappling and submission match will have Kobee Boy Mendoza taking on John Anthony Hofschneider in the 10-and-under division

And as an added treat, Trench Tech will be bringing back its extremely popular Battle of the Fans where two lucky fans will

ran the century dash in 11.5—using a hand timer—in leading Kagman to a first place finish in the high school category. Iguel then reprised his surprising improvement in the 100m by running the event in 11.82 in the 2008 Grand Prix.

Sapong said while Iguel will be the lone CNMI participant in the 12th IAAF World Junior Championships, he will be part of the Oceania team that comprises of

Fan Appreciation Fight Night will then feature Ton “Double Hit” Sablan against Rick “2Slik” San Nicolas in the super heavyweight class of 200 more lbs.

Aside from the seven MMA fights, Shane “Pikaboo” Alvarez will also see time in the octagon against Angel Santos in their 130-lb. boxing bout.

“Uncle” Ton Arriola will then go up against Jason “Myst” Rios in a kickboxing match in the 140-lb. division.

even if a swirling wind played havoc with some shots and led Venus to catch her service toss countless times.

Neither held back, and the tone was set in the third game, when Venus came to the net, and Serena sent a stinging passing attempt right at her sister’s face. Venus managed to hit a reflex volley winner.

Then again, at 4-4 in the opening set, Serena conceded a point to Venus after the chair umpire called a let when Serena shouted “No!” as she hit a shot she thought was headed out.

Serena, who still leads Venus 8-7 in major titles, actually compiled more aces, 9-4, more total winners, 32-27, and fewer unforced errors, 11-13. But there was one key difference that tilted the other way: Venus was 4-for-7 converting break points, while Serena was 2-for-13.

One of those two conversions came early in the second set, when Serena wasted six break chances before converting the seventh as Venus slipped on the worn baseline at the end of a 10-stroke exchange.

That break put Serena ahead 2-1, but she failed to hold in the very next game, when a deep forehand by Venus forced an error to make it 2-2.

They stayed on serve until Venus was ahead 5-4, and she broke there to end it. On the first match point, her sister swatted a 100 mph ace—“classic Serena Williams,” as Venus put it.

But on the next point, Serena sailed a backhand wide. When they met beside the net, the sisters wrapped their arms around each other. The embrace after their doubles victory appeared far warmer.

Now both were champions.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES			
MLB STANDINGS			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Tampa Bay	54	32	.628 —
Boston	52	38	.578 4
New York	46	42	.523 9
Baltimore	44	42	.512 10
Toronto	42	46	.477 13
Central Division			
Chicago	50	37	.575 —
Minnesota	49	38	.563 1
Detroit	43	44	.494 7
Kansas City	39	49	.443 11 1/2
Cleveland	37	50	.425 13
West Division			
Los Angeles	52	35	.598 —
Oakland	47	40	.540 5
Texas	45	43	.511 7 1/2
Seattle	35	52	.402 17
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
Philadelphia	48	40	.545 —
Florida	44	43	.506 3 1/2
New York	43	44	.494 4 1/2
Atlanta	41	47	.466 7
Washington	34	55	.382 14 1/2
Central Division			
Chicago	52	36	.591 —
St. Louis	50	39	.562 2 1/2
Milwaukee	48	39	.552 3 1/2
Cincinnati	42	47	.472 10 1/2
Houston	41	47	.466 11
Pittsburgh	40	46	.465 11
West Division			
Arizona	43	45	.489 —
Los Angeles	42	45	.483 1/2
San Francisco	39	49	.443 4
Colorado	37	51	.420 6
San Diego	35	53	.398 8
Yesterday's Games			
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 4			
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 1			
N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 4			
Houston 6, Atlanta 1			
Cincinnati 3, Washington 2			
Colorado 12, Florida 6			
San Diego 4, Arizona 2			
San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 2			
N.Y. Yankees 2, Boston 1			
Texas 5, Baltimore 3			
Chicago White Sox 6, Oakland 1			
Tampa Bay 3, Kansas City 0			
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 6			
Toronto 7, L.A. Angels 5			
Seattle 3, Detroit 2			
AT&T NATIONAL SCORES			
BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)—Scores from Saturday's third round of the \$6 million (Euro 3.8 million) AT&T National, played at the 7,255 yards, par-70 Congressional Country Club, Blue Course:			
Tom Pernice, Jr.	68-63-69	200	
Steve Stricker	71-64-66	201	
Tommy Armour III	67-69-66	202	
Nick O'Hern	70-65-67	202	
Jeff Overton	66-65-71	202	
Tim Herron	68-70-65	203	
Anthony Kim	67-67-69	203	
Cliff Kresge	69-65-69	203	
Dean Wilson	69-70-65	204	
Robert Allenby	68-69-67	204	
Hunter Mahan	69-72-64	205	
Fredrik Jacobson	67-72-66	205	
Jim Furyk	70-68-67	205	
Pat Perez	71-67-67	205	
Patrick Sheehan	69-67-69	205	
John Senden	70-69-67	206	
Bob Estes	66-73-67	206	
Fred Couples	71-68-67	206	
Alex Cejka	67-71-68	206	
Rod Pampling	66-69-71	206	
Vaughn Taylor	70-73-64	207	
J.J. Henry	73-67-67	207	
Bo Van Pelt	70-69-68	207	
Fred Funk	70-69-68	207	
Parker McLachlin	71-66-70	207	
Billy Mayfair	67-68-72	207	
John Merrick	71-64-72	207	
Jeff Maggert	70-65-72	207	
Steve Marino	65-70-72	207	
Nick Watney	69-72-67	208	
Shane Bertsch	72-69-67	208	
Rocco Mediate	73-68-67	208	
Todd Demsey	70-70-68	208	
Charles Howell III	70-70-68	208	
Rich Beem	71-68-69	208	
Michael Allen	70-68-70	208	
Robert Garrigus	68-70-70	208	
Billy Andrade	70-73-66	209	
Tim Clark	73-69-67	209	
J.B. Holmes	70-71-68	209	
Charles Warren	69-72-68	209	
Bill Haas	70-70-69	209	
Brad Adamonis	68-71-70	209	
Johnson Wagner	70-68-71	209	
Peter Lonard	74-69-67	210	
Mark Wilson	70-73-67	210	
Ryan Armour	72-71-67	210	
George McNeill	68-74-68	210	
Camilo Villegas	71-70-69	210	
Frank Lickliter II	66-74-70	210	
Kevin Sutherland	69-71-70	210	
Kevin Streelman	69-70-71	210	
K.J. Choi	68-71-71	210	
Jose Coceres	69-68-73	210	
Tim Wilkinson	71-72-68	211	
Stuart Appleby	67-74-70	211	
Jim McGovern	68-73-70	211	
Jonathan Byrd	70-71-70	211	
Olin Browne	69-70-72	211	
D.J. Trahan	71-68-72	211	
John Rollins	68-70-73	211	
Todd Hamilton	70-67-74	211	
Davis Love III	70-73-69	212	
Andres Romero	71-71-70	212	
Lucas Glover	71-71-70	212	
Gavin Coles	69-71-72	212	
Justin Bolli	74-68-71	213	
Stephen Leaney	71-71-71	213	
Ben Crane	71-70-72	213	
Corey Pavin	73-67-73	213	
Jesper Parnevik	68-71-74	213	
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for the CNMI in the recently concluded and 2008 Oceania Championships, was picked by the IAAF because of his excellent times during the McDonald’s All-Schools Championships as well as the 2008 Oceania Grand Prix.

During the All-Schools, Iguel

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then pit T.J. “Yin Yang” Castro against A.J. Santos in the 145-lb. category.

Tom “Lights Out” Kim will then see action in the 160-lb. weight class opposite Sal Limes.

It will be followed by the 150-lb. match between Chris “No Luv” Laayug and John Ogarto.

The final MMA fight of the

'Scholarships' available for FIVB coaches clinic

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Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association is open to help volleyball enthusiasts who are interested in taking part in next month's FIVB Coaches Course - Level 1 (How to Coach) program but cannot afford it.

This according to NMIVA president Laurie Peteka, who said individuals who are facing financial difficulty but are interested in enrolling in the clinic should contact her at the soonest possible time to inquire about scholarship availability.

"NMIVA is working on a co-op program with NMASA to facilitate individuals who may not be able to afford the fees. Interested applicants should not be discouraged from signing up. Eligibility will be handled on a case-by-case basis and reviewed by the NMIVA Board for final determination," Peterka said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

She said the FIVB Coaches Course - Level 1 (How to Coach) program, which will be conducted by Aussie Tomas Santamaria, will not discriminate against anyone, even if you don't have the means to fork out the \$130-\$150



Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association will hold a FIVB Coaches Course - Level 1 (How to Coach) program next month.

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fee required to take part in it.

"We are doing everything we can to help facilitate participation and access to everyone who is interested in this clinic. This is

not a fundraising event. Fees are strictly being used to facilitate this event only and we are trying our best to get those costs down by requesting in-kind donations. We

hope that we can offer a graduate-rebate to those individuals who complete the course, but we won't know if we can do this until the course is completed," she said.

The FIVB Coaches Course - Level 1 (How to Coach) clinic will only be accepting a maximum of 30 participants.

Those interested are responsible for completing an application form and depositing fees—\$150 for non-NMIVA members or \$130 for NMIVA members—with NMIVA by July 16.

A coaching workbook, videos and handouts, equipment for training, T-shirts, facilities, and

a graduation banquet at Pacific Islands Club are covered by the enrollment fee.

Part of Volleyball World Vision 2012, the program is for under-privileged countries and is also dubbed the Volleyball Cooperation Programme.

Graduates of this program will earn an FIVB Level 1 Coaching Certificate—an invaluable asset towards the development of volleyball for both the CNMI as a whole and for the individuals who complete the course.

Applications for the August FIVB Coaches Clinic are now available for pick up at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Please see Joe Mettao between 8am and 4pm, Monday-Friday all this week.

Applications will be collected at the Ada Gym conference room on Wednesday, July 9, and Wednesday, July 16.

If you have any questions or are looking for additional information, contact Peterka at laurie.peterka@saipan.com or NMIVA board member Russ Quinn at saipandruss@yahoo.com.

NMIVA is the CNMI's umbrella volleyball association covering all aspects of indoor and outdoor games and players. NMIVA is a bona fide current member of FIVB and NMASA.

All of the organization's fundraisers put money into the development of volleyball in the CNMI. NMIVA is encouraging volleyball enthusiasts to become a member today for a mere \$20 a year. Members get regular email updates and discounts on all NMIVA-sanctioned volleyball events throughout the year.

SEDA fetes summer-fall 2008 winners



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Gaia Naughty Boys captured the Tuesday B League of the 2008 summer-fall season of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association with its 145-65 win-loss mark.



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Naked Fish Naked Boyz Too finished second in the Tuesday B League.



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Krystal 80 Proofers closed out the Top 3 in the Tuesday B League.



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The high in and high out winners of the Tuesday B League pose for the camera during the awards banquet of the 2008 summer-fall season of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association.

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The awards banquet for the 2008 summer-fall season of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association came and went last June 22 with the six teams celebrated during the award banquet held at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

The six division champions of the summer-fall season were honored and awarded their respective trophies.

Oleai Black Stallions led all the winners by topping the Masters League with a 134-

104 win-loss record, followed by Krystal Maters Proofers with a 125-113 card, and Oleai D Companeros and Oleai Snipers, which finished the season with 115-123 and 102-136 records, respectively.

Topping the competition in the Monday A League, meanwhile, was Krystal A Destroyers with a 159-79 win-loss mark. Jonny's Emperor (144-94) and VFW R-U-G-G-Y (128-110) finished second and third.

Rounding out the teams in the A League were Vargas Corp. Snipers (110-120), Porky's Pu It In (108-130), VFW Major Leaks (155-133), Krystal 151 Proofers (83-121), and Len's 5 Water Boys (82-139).

Gaia Naughty Boys captured the Tues-

day B League by virtue of its 145-65 success rate, followed by Naked Fish Naked Boyz Too (125-85) and Krystal 80 Proofers (120-90) in the Top 3.

Jonny's Get Some (119-91), Krystal B Destroyers (106-104), Naked Mokokau (95-115), The Flair Charanda's (66-144), and Jonny's Shinsengimi (64-146) make up the rest of the standings in the B League.

Lording it over in the Thursday B League and C League were Naked Fish Naked Boys and Jonny's Taya Bida, respectively.

Naked Fish Naked Boyz finished with a 128-82 standing in Tuesday B with Len's 5 Light Out and Porky's Babui Time rounding out the Top 3 with records of 121-89 and 113-93, respectively.

The Flair Sakudi Umbre (113-97), Porky's Porketters (113-97), Coral Reef B Shark Attack (106-104), Johnny's Fujin (95-115), Naked Under Dogs (91-119), The Flair You Know (90-120), and Utopia (80-130) also competed in the division.

Jonny's Taya Bida won C League with its 146-64 mark, followed by Gaia Like It Or Not (133-77) and Jonny's Insane Dart Poses (116-94).

Teams that also took part in the C League last season were VFW Clubmates (111-99), Porky's Bud Licious (107-103), Coral Reef C Shark Attack (102-108), Jonny's A.D.H. (96-114), Coral Reef Barracuda (88-122), VFW Wolf and The Gang (78-132), and Oleai Top Shooters (73-137).

Last but definitely not the least, Oleai B-52s was the winner in the Ladies League after winding up with a 147-78 mark. Naked Wahoo (135-90), Bare Naked Ladies (96-129), and Len's 5 Rookies (72-153) also took part in the division.

For more information about SEDA's summer-fall season awards banquet last June 22, contact coordinator Charlotte Tenepere at 233-4397.

Casino Dept tops TDHC eliminations



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Casino Department topped the elimination round of the 7th Annual Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Inter-Departmental Basketball League with a spotless 3-0 win-loss record.



Casino Department topped the elimination round of the 7th Annual Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Inter-Departmental Basketball League being played at the TDHC staff house court.

The squad won all its three games in the first round of the competition to wind up with a 3-0 win-loss mark, followed by Finance Shipping (2-0), F&B Service (1-1), F&B Chefs (1-3), and Security Department (0-3).

Two other teams—TAGA/ Housing Department and House-

keeping Department—were knocked out after the first round.

Of all the matches in the elimination round, only one game was suspended because of rain. The F&B Service-Finance Shipping game will be continued on Thursday, July 10, in the second quarter.

Last night's games pitted F&B Service against Security Department in the 6:30pm first game, while the 8pm second game had Casino Department taking on Finance Shipping. Results of the games were still not available as of press time, however. (Mark Rabago)



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Alejandro Valverde wins 1st Tour de France stage

Alejandro Valverde is determined to contend for the Tour de France title. And the Tour de France is determined to run a clean race.

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Venus beats Serena for 5th singles title

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Thrilled as she was to win her fifth Wimbledon singles championship, Venus Williams dialed down her celebration. No hopping in place and skipping to the net after match point, the way she's done so often on that Centre Court lawn. No giddy laughter and whoops of joy, as she's let out in the past.

This title was different from her previous successes at the grass-court Grand Slam.

This title came at the expense of her younger sibling, Serena.

Reprising their Sister Slam Show in the Wimbledon final after a five-year hiatus, Venus and Serena Williams smacked big serves, hit hard strokes from all angles and chased down seemingly unreachable balls, like no one else does. Overcoming an early deficit, Venus beat Serena 7-5, 6-4 Saturday for her second consecutive title at the All England Club and seventh major championship overall.



"I'm definitely more in tune with my sister's feelings because one of us has to win and one of us has to lose," the No. 7-seeded Venus said. "You could never detract from winning a Wimbledon, so of course it doesn't detract from that. But I'm definitely thinking about how my sister's feeling."

No. 6 Serena, meanwhile, was sullen as could be afterward, as though she had just finished losing to a stranger. Which, it turns out, was the way she tried to view Venus. That the champion's trophy stayed in the family did not ease the pain of defeat.

"It's definitely not any easier," Serena said. "I just look at her as another opponent at the

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Venus Williams left, of the US holds her trophy after winning the women's singles final against her sister Serena right, on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, Saturday, July 5, 2008.

Advance X-Terminators take 1st finals slot

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Pennant champion Advance X-Terminators booked a finals seat in the open division of the Inaugural FMI Inter-Color Basketball League after routing Tasi Tours Giants, 108-90, Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Back from a more than two-week hiatus to pave way for the Oleai Sports Complex's hosting of the 2008 Oceania Grand Prix and 2008 Oceania Championships, the FMI caging competition also saw GEC Pawnshop demolish Bank of Saipan in the nightcap, this time in the 40-and-over division.

Advance X-Terminators showed no signs of rust as it put some distance between them and Tasi Tours right from the get-go.

Andres "Jhun" Estolas Jr. led the team's first quarter attack, rifling three 3-pointers in the first 10 minutes of the contest to help Advance X-Terminators take a 25-19 lead entering the second quarter.

Youthful Jonathan Lim then took over where Estolas left off, as he scored in all manner of ways en route to firing 11 points in the second canto to help Advance X-Terminators

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Andres "Jhun" Estolas Jr., shown here in a file photo, scored 21 points to help Advance X-Terminators beat Tasi Tours Giants, 108-90, in the open division semifinals of the Inaugural FMI Inter-Color Basketball League Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Jesus Iguel off to Bydgoszcz, Poland

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The CNMI's very own Jesus Iguel has been selected to represent the region in the 12th IAAF World Junior Championships set from July 8 to July 13 in Bydgoszcz, Poland.



Iguel

Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong relayed the good news about the 18-year-old Kagman High School student's selection over the phone during the weekend.

Iguel will see action in the 100m sprint in the 12th IAAF World Junior Championships.

Sapong said Iguel, who competed

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Fight card out for Fan Appreciation Fight Night

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Trench Tech recently released the tentative fight card for its Fan Appreciation Fight Night set for July 12 at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

The seven mixed martial arts matches will open with the 130-lb. bout between Alvarick "Pretty Boy" Alvarez and Paul Quizon.

It will be followed by action in the 135-lb. weight class between Gino "Baka" Asanuma and Carl K. Takai.

Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse will then trade blows and grappling holds with Nathan "Nats" Flores in their 155-lb. encounter.

The fourth MMA match of the evening will

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